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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH FOR EAST SUSSEX,

For the Year ended 31st December, 1925,

BY

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County Medical Officer of Health.

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# EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

## THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, 1925-26.

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## THE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE, 1925-26.

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The Members of the Public Health and Housing Committee with the addition of the following:

|                           |                      |
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| DR. W. A. DOW.            | MRS. SHOESMITH.      |
| THE LADY MABELLE EGERTON. | MRS. R. L. THORNTON. |
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*\*Also Member of County Council.*

## COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

|                                                                                                          |                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| County Medical Officer of Health, School Medical Officer, and Administrative Tuberculosis Officer ... .. | Alexander G. R. Foulerton, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., F.C.S.      |
| Deputy County Medical Officer of Health, and Dispensary Tuberculosis Officer ... ..                      | Arthur Beeley, M.Sc., M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.       |
| Deputy School Medical Officer and Junior Assistant County Medical Officer ... ..                         | Walter R. Dunstan, M.Sc., M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.         |
| Assistant School Medical Officer ... ..                                                                  | Sir Alan Hilary Moore, Bart., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.                  |
| " " " " ... ..                                                                                           | William Gillitt, C.I.E., M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. D.P.H.           |
| Hon. Consulting Laryngologist, County Sanatorium, Robertsbridge ... ..                                   | Alexander C. Gavin, M.B., Ch.B.                                    |
| Medical Superintendent of County Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, Robertsbridge ... ..                       | John R. Dingley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S.                    |
| School Dental Officer ... ..                                                                             | Arnold Court, L.D.S., R.C.S.                                       |
| " " " " ... ..                                                                                           | Wilfred Eddings, L.D.S., R.C.S.                                    |
| Chief Clerk ... ..                                                                                       | George F. Akehurst.                                                |
| Inspector of Midwives and County Nursing Superintendent ... ..                                           | Miss C. B. Robb, R.R.C., Registered Nurse, Certified Midwife.      |
| District Nursing Superintendents—                                                                        |                                                                    |
| District 1 ... ..                                                                                        | Miss K. M. Hoare, Registered Nurse, Certified Midwife.             |
| " 2 ... ..                                                                                               | Miss E. M. Wyatt, A.R.San.I., Registered Nurse, Certified Midwife. |
| " 3 ... ..                                                                                               | Miss C. Higginson, Registered Nurse, Certified Midwife.            |
| " 4 ... ..                                                                                               | Miss A. Griffiths, Registered Nurse, Certified Midwife.            |
| " 5 ... ..                                                                                               | Miss E. M. Crocker, Registered Nurse, Certified Midwife.           |
| Home Visitor under Mental Deficiency Act, 1913                                                           | Mrs. F. Ayshford Ayre.                                             |
| Analyst under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts                                                            | Samuel Allinson Woodhead, D.Sc., F.I.C.                            |
| Inspector of Weights and Measures, Lewes District, No. 215 ... ..                                        | William Futchter, County Hall, Lewes.                              |
| Ditto, Rye District, No. 216 ... ..                                                                      | John J. Murphy, 126, London Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.             |

## SANITARY DISTRICTS.

| District.                          | Census Populations,<br>1921. |                                                | Populations<br>Estimated<br>by<br>Registrar<br>General<br>at middle<br>of 1925. | Medical Officer of Health.                                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    | As<br>enumerated.            | As<br>corrected<br>by<br>Registrar<br>General. |                                                                                 |                                                              |
| Borough of Hove                    | 46,505                       | 44,150                                         | <b>45,000</b>                                                                   | Augustine Griffith, M.D. ( <i>State Medicine</i> ), D.P.H.   |
| Borough of Bexhill                 | 20,363                       | 17,610                                         | <b>18,750</b>                                                                   | George Henry Weston, B.A., M.B., D.P.H.                      |
| Borough of Lewes                   | 10,797                       | 10,700                                         | <b>11,110</b>                                                                   | William A. Dow, M.D., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. |
| Borough of Rye                     | 3,920                        | 3,832                                          | <b>3,835</b>                                                                    | Thomas Tomkinson Harratt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.                 |
| Urban District of Battle           | 2,891                        | 2,868                                          | <b>3,039</b>                                                                    | Daniel Brough, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.        |
| Urban District of Burgess Hill     | 5,647                        | 5,540                                          | <b>5,600</b>                                                                    | Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.                       |
| Urban District of Cuckfield        | 1,928                        | 1,873                                          | <b>1,846</b>                                                                    | " "                                                          |
| Urban District of East Grinstead   | 7,322                        | 7,210                                          | <b>7,946</b>                                                                    | W. E. Wallis, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.          |
| Urban District of Haywards Heath   | 5,091                        | 4,996                                          | <b>4,923</b>                                                                    | Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.                       |
| Urban District of Newhaven         | 6,435                        | 6,460                                          | <b>6,667</b>                                                                    | Rodie Parkhurst, M.B., C.M.                                  |
| Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea | 7,696                        | 7,670                                          | <b>8,130</b>                                                                    | Augustine Griffith, M.D. ( <i>State Medicine</i> ), D.P.H.   |
| Urban District of Seaford          | 6,989                        | 6,040                                          | <b>6,474</b>                                                                    | Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.                       |
| Urban District of Uckfield         | 3,385                        | 3,350                                          | <b>3,320</b>                                                                    | " "                                                          |
| Rural District of Battle           | 6,291                        | 6,210                                          | <b>6,320</b>                                                                    | " "                                                          |
| Rural District of Chailey          | 12,769                       | 12,590                                         | <b>12,740</b>                                                                   | William A. Dow, M.D., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. |
| Rural District of Cuckfield        | 16,855                       | 16,350                                         | <b>16,490</b>                                                                   | Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.                       |
| Rural District of Eastbourne       | 5,812                        | 5,630                                          | <b>5,994</b>                                                                    | " "                                                          |
| Rural District of East Grinstead   | 13,845                       | 13,530                                         | <b>14,010</b>                                                                   | " "                                                          |
| Rural District of Hailsham         | 18,462                       | 18,290                                         | <b>18,530</b>                                                                   | " "                                                          |
| Rural District of Hastings         | 1,871                        | 1,829                                          | <b>1,929</b>                                                                    | Frank Benjamin Lewis, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.                     |
| Rural District of Newhaven         | 6,211                        | 5,860                                          | <b>7,757</b>                                                                    | Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.                       |
| Rural District of Rye              | 6,925                        | 6,830                                          | <b>6,888</b>                                                                    | Walter Wynne, M.B., C.M.                                     |
| Rural District of Steyning (East)  | *3,529                       | *3,453                                         | <b>3,592</b>                                                                    | Augustine Griffith, M.D. ( <i>State Medicine</i> ), D.P.H.   |
| Rural District of Ticehurst        | 12,938                       | 12,800                                         | <b>12,730</b>                                                                   | Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.                       |
| Rural District of Uckfield         | 26,757                       | 26,180                                         | <b>26,420</b>                                                                   | " "                                                          |
| Port of Newhaven                   | —                            | —                                              | —                                                                               | Rodie Parkhurst, M.B., C.M.                                  |
| Port of New Shoreham               | —                            | —                                              | —                                                                               | W. J. Butcher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.                    |

\* Including the population of Moulsecoomb, which was incorporated in the County Borough of Brighton on the 1st October 1923.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
EAST SUSSEX.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present with this my Annual Report on the health conditions prevailing in your Administrative County during the twelve months ended the 31st December, 1925.

**POPULATION.**

The population of the Administrative County was estimated by the Registrar-General as having been 260,100 at the middle of the year 1925.

| Grouped Districts.             | Census (1911).<br>Population. | Census (1921).<br>Population as<br>enumerated. | Census (1921).<br>Population as<br>corrected. | Estimated<br>Population as at<br>the middle of<br>1925. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Hove .. ..                     | 42,173                        | 46,505                                         | 44,150                                        | 45,000                                                  |
| Bexhill .. ..                  | 15,330                        | 20,363                                         | 17,610                                        | 18,750                                                  |
| Lewes .. ..                    | 10,972                        | 10,797                                         | 10,700                                        | 11,110                                                  |
| 3 Large Towns.. ..             | 68,475                        | 77,665                                         | 72,460                                        | 74,860                                                  |
| 10 Other Urban Districts .. .. | 47,366                        | 51,304                                         | 49,839                                        | 51,840                                                  |
| 12 Rural Districts .. ..       | 126,305                       | *132,265                                       | *129,552                                      | 13,400                                                  |
| The Administrative County ..   | 242,146                       | 261,234                                        | 251,851                                       | 260,100                                                 |

\*These figures include the population of Moulsecomb, in the Steyning East Rural District, which was incorporated in the County Borough of Brighton on 1st October, 1923.

**PRINCIPAL HEALTH RATES.**

The following figures shew the principal health rates for the Administrative County for the year 1925 and for each of the five preceding years ; the corresponding rates for England and Wales are added for purposes of comparison :—

|                                                                                                                        | <i>East Sussex.</i> |       |       |       |       |       | <i>England and Wales.</i> |       |       |       |       |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                                                                                                        | 1920                | 1921  | 1922  | 1923  | 1924  | 1925  | 1920                      | 1921  | 1922  | 1923  | 1924  | 1925  |
| Birth Rate—Number of births per 1,000 of population .. ..                                                              | 20.1                | 16.71 | 15.59 | 15.11 | 14    | 13.56 | 25.4                      | 22.4  | 20.6  | 19.7  | 18.8  | 18.3  |
| Death Rate — Number of deaths from all causes per 1,000 of population ..                                               | 10.59               | 11.5  | 11.81 | 11.25 | 11.85 | 12.01 | 12.4                      | 12.1  | 12.8  | 11.6  | 12.2  | 12.2  |
| Infantile Mortality — Number of deaths at ages under 12 months, per 1,000 births during the year .. ..                 | 46.39               | 50.36 | 51.64 | 45.24 | 48.33 | 44.53 | 80                        | 83    | 77    | 69    | 75    | 75    |
| Death rate from Diarrhoea and Enteritis—Number of deaths at ages under 2 years, per 1,000 births during the year .. .. | 1.98                | 3.8   | 3.04  | 2.84  | 1.66  | 2.55  | 8.3                       | 15.5  | 6.58  | 8.12  | 7.3   | 8.4   |
| Death rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—Number of deaths per 1,000 of population .. ..                                  | .69                 | .59   | .66   | .75   | .7    | .6    | .871                      | .884  | .889  | .836  | .841  | .833  |
| Death Rate from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis — Number of Deaths per 1000 of population .. ..                             | .19                 | .19   | .14   | .17   | .17   | .19   | .26                       | .24   | .23   | .23   | .22   | .2    |
| Death rate from Cancer—Number of deaths per 1,000 of population ..                                                     | 1.51                | 1.61  | 1.54  | 1.57  | 1.74  | 1.72  | 1.166                     | 1.215 | 1.229 | 1.267 | 1.297 | 1.336 |
| Maternal Mortality—Number of deaths of mothers per 1,000 births during the year                                        | 4.96                | 4.04  | 4.56  | 2.85  | 3.31  | 2.6   | 4.33                      | 3.91  | 3.81  | 3.82  | 3.9   | 4.08  |

### RECENT LEGISLATION AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH.

During the course of the year some important Acts, Statutory Regulations, and Orders affecting public health, wholly or in part under the Administration of the County Health Authority, came into force.

- (I.) *The Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925*, issued on the 31st July, 1925, by the Minister of Health in the exercise of powers vested in him by the *Public Health Act, 1875*, and subsequent Public Health Acts, came into operation on the date of issue.

These Regulations provide that if a Local Authority, on a report in writing by their Medical Officer of Health, are satisfied that a person residing in their District and in any employment or occupation in connection with a dairy involving the milking of cows, the treatment of milk, or the handling of vessels used for containing milk, is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and is in an infectious state, they may, by notice in writing, signed by the Clerk or the Medical Officer of Health, require such person to discontinue his employment or occupation on or before the date specified in the notice, such date being not less than 7 days after the service of the notice. The Regulations give right to appeal to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and provision is made for the payment of compensation for damages sustained by reason of exercise of powers given by the Regulations.

- (II.) *The Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915*, the full operation of which has been suspended from time to time by Parliament, was made operative by an Order of the Minister of Health on the 1st September, 1925 ;

- (III.) *The Tuberculosis Orders, 1925*, dealing with tuberculous milk cows, and milk cows with certain other diseases, issued by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the 13th July and 5th August, 1925, came into operation on the 1st September, 1925.

*The Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915*, is administered by the Public Health and Housing Committee of the County Council, whilst the administration of the Tuberculosis Order is the duty of the County Agricultural Committee.

The two, taken in conjunction, are designed for the protection of the public against the dangers of tuberculous milk, by the gradual elimination of tuberculous cows from dairy herds.

- (IV.) *The Public Health Act, 1925*. This Act, which became operative on the 8th September, 1925, is concerned mainly with the powers of District Sanitary Authorities, but three sections especially concern the County Sanitary Authority.

*Section 61 (1)* provides specifically "for the removal of doubts," that when in accordance with *Section 2* of the *Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) Act, 1913*, a County Council is declared by the Ministry of Health to be an authority to execute and enforce regulations made under *Section 130* of the *Public Health Act, 1875*, for checking the spread of dangerous epidemic disease, such regulations may, with the consent of the Council, authorise the Council to themselves provide, or to arrange for the provision of, means for the isolation and treatment of cases of disease to which the regulations apply, as if the Council were a local sanitary authority under the *Public Health Acts, 1875-1907*.

*Section 62 (1)* provides that when it is proved to the satisfaction of a court of summary jurisdiction that a person with pulmonary tuberculosis is in an infectious state and is without lodging or accommodation proper for such a case, and that risk of infection is caused thereby to other persons, and that a suitable institution exists for the accommodation of the infected person, the court may, on an application either by the County Council or by the Local Sanitary Authority and with the consent of the governing body of the institution, make an order for the removal to and for the detention and maintenance of the infected person in that institution.

*Section 66 (1)* of the Act provides that

"Without prejudice and in addition to any other power under any other Act, a county council or local authority shall have power, with the consent of the Minister of Health, to make such arrangements as they may think desirable, for assisting in the prevention of blindness, and in particular for the treatment of persons ordinarily resident within their area suffering from any disease of or injury to the eyes."

- (V.) *The Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food), Regulations, 1925*, issued on the 4th August, 1925, by the Minister of Health in the exercise of powers vested in him by the *Public Health Acts, 1875, etc.*, will come into partial operation on the 1st July, 1927, and into full operation on the 1st July, 1928.

The Regulations provide (*Clause 4*) that no person shall manufacture for sale or sell any article of food which contains any added preservative, or any one of certain colouring matters specified in the *First Schedule* of the Regulations, except that the use of *sulphur dioxide* and *benzoic acid* are allowed in certain articles of food and drink.

The Regulations come into force on the 1st January, 1928, so far as they relate to butter and cream and to the revocation of such of the provisions of the *Public Health (Milk and Cream) Regulations, 1912* and *1917*, as relate to cream. So far as the Regulations prohibit the sale of an article of food containing any preservative which is necessarily introduced by the use in its preparation, they come into force on the 1st July, 1927, in the case of bacon, ham and margarine, and on the 1st July, 1928, in the case of butter.

## HOUSING.

From the information available it would appear that 1482 new houses were completed and occupied during 1925, and that about 694 additional houses were still in course of construction on the 31st December, 1925. Of the houses completed and occupied during the year, 185 were provided under housing schemes entered into by certain local sanitary authorities, and 1297 had been built by private enterprise.

Building in the urban and rural groups of districts in the Administrative County proceeded as follows :—

|                                             | Population<br>(estimated<br>at middle of<br>1925). | Number of Houses completed and<br>occupied during 1925. |                                 | Number of Houses in<br>course of con-<br>struction on the 31st<br>December, 1925. | Total. |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                                             |                                                    | Built under Housing<br>Schemes of Local<br>Authority.   | Built by Private<br>Enterprise. |                                                                                   |        |
| 3 Larger Towns (Hove,<br>Bexhill and Lewes) | 74,860                                             | 108                                                     | 363                             | 196                                                                               | 667    |
| 10 Smaller Urban<br>Districts .. ..         | 51,840                                             | 40                                                      | 190                             | 110                                                                               | 340    |
| 12 Rural Districts ..                       | 133,400                                            | 37                                                      | 744                             | 388                                                                               | 1169   |
|                                             | 260,100                                            | 185                                                     | 1297                            | 694                                                                               | 2176   |

The following Table gives particulars as to building operations in each of the several sanitary districts during the year. Except in the cases noted it is not stated to what extent private enterprise has been assisted by subsidy by the Local Sanitary Authority.

| District.                          | Houses completed during 12 months ended<br>31st December, 1925. |                           | Number of houses in<br>course of construction<br>on 31st December, 1925. | Total. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                                    | Under Local<br>Authority's Scheme.                              | By Private<br>Enterprise. |                                                                          |        |
| <i>Three Larger Towns.</i>         |                                                                 |                           |                                                                          |        |
| Bexhill .. ..                      | 40                                                              | 138                       | 70                                                                       | 248    |
| Hove .. ..                         | 68                                                              | 184                       | 119                                                                      | 371    |
| Lewes .. ..                        | 0                                                               | 41                        | 7                                                                        | 48     |
|                                    | 108                                                             | 363                       | 196                                                                      | 667    |
| <i>Ten Smaller Urban Districts</i> |                                                                 |                           |                                                                          |        |
| Rye .. ..                          | 0                                                               | 6                         | 8                                                                        | 14     |
| Battle .. ..                       | 0                                                               | 13                        | 0                                                                        | 13     |
| Burgess Hill ..                    | 0                                                               | 9                         | 10                                                                       | 19     |
| Cuckfield .. ..                    | 0                                                               | 3                         | 2                                                                        | 5      |
| East Grinstead ..                  | 0                                                               | 23                        | 27                                                                       | 50     |
| Haywards Heath ..                  | 40                                                              | 4                         | 16                                                                       | 60     |
| Newhaven .. ..                     | 0                                                               | 28                        | 16                                                                       | 44     |
| Portslade-by-Sea ..                | 0                                                               | 31 (a)                    | 6                                                                        | 37     |
| Seaford .. ..                      | 0                                                               | 66                        | 24                                                                       | 90     |
| Uckfield .. ..                     | 0                                                               | 7                         | 1                                                                        | 8      |
|                                    | 40                                                              | 190                       | 110                                                                      | 340    |
| <i>Twelve Rural Districts.</i>     |                                                                 |                           |                                                                          |        |
| Battle .. ..                       | 0                                                               | 31                        | 3                                                                        | 34     |
| Chailey .. ..                      | 0                                                               | 38                        | 19                                                                       | 57     |
| Cuckfield .. ..                    | 0                                                               | 77                        | 49                                                                       | 126    |
| Eastbourne .. ..                   | 0                                                               | 45                        | 18                                                                       | 63     |
| East Grinstead ..                  | 6                                                               | 60                        | 53                                                                       | 119    |
| Hailsham .. ..                     | 0                                                               | 73                        | 33                                                                       | 106    |
| Hastings .. ..                     | 0                                                               | 22                        | 37                                                                       | 59     |
| Newhaven .. ..                     | 23                                                              | 163                       | 52                                                                       | 238    |
| Rye .. ..                          | 8                                                               | 29                        | 7                                                                        | 44     |
| Steyning .. ..                     | 0                                                               | 65                        | 34                                                                       | 99     |
| Ticehurst .. ..                    | 0                                                               | 32 (b)                    | 29                                                                       | 61     |
| Uckfield .. ..                     | 0                                                               | 109                       | 54                                                                       | 163    |
|                                    | 37                                                              | 744                       | 388                                                                      | 1169   |

(a) 7 of these houses erected with subsidy.

(b) The District Council made a grant of £90 each, in respect of 18 of these houses, under the Housing Act, 1923.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE WORK.

### *Births.*

The birth rate for the Administrative County was 13.56 per 1,000 persons living, the lowest rate recorded since the year 1917.

The total number of births registered during the year was 3,526. The County Council is the Authority under the Maternity and Child Welfare and the Notification of Births Acts for the whole area, with the exception of the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea, and is the Local Supervising Authority under the Midwives Acts for the whole area except the Borough of Hove. Of these births, 631 were registered in the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea.

|                                                                                               |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| East Sussex (excluding the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea) ... .. | 2,895 births. |
| Borough of Hove and Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea ...                                    | 631 births.   |

### *Maternal Mortality Rate.*

It will be seen that 2,895 births were registered in the County area to which, for the purpose of estimating the maternal mortality, 137 must be added for the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea. These 3,032 births include 28 cases of twins and one case of triplets, so that the number of women confined was actually 3,002. Amongst those women 8 deaths occurred, giving a maternal mortality of 2.66 per 1,000 births. Of these 8 deaths, 4 only (one in Portslade Urban District, one in Chailey Rural, one in Hailsham Rural and one in Uckfield Rural District) were due to puerperal sepsis, and the remaining 4 to other diseases or accidents of pregnancy and parturition.

The following table shews the maternal mortality rates for East Sussex as compared with those for England and Wales:—

| Year. | England and Wales. | County of East Sussex (without Hove). |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1920  | 4.33               | 5.1                                   |
| 1921  | 3.91               | 4.4                                   |
| 1922  | 3.81               | 4.6                                   |
| 1923  | 3.82               | 2.7                                   |
| 1924  | 3.9                | 3.9                                   |
| 1925  | 4.08               | 2.6                                   |

### *Infantile Mortality.*

The infantile mortality rate in the Administrative County for the year 1925 was 44.53 per 1,000 births, the lowest rate yet recorded for the County; the corresponding rate for England and Wales was 75 per 1,000 births.

The following figures shew the infantile mortality rates for England and Wales and for East Sussex for the period 1906 to 1925:—

#### *ENGLAND AND WALES : Deaths at ages under one year per 1,000 births.*

| 1906-1911<br>Number of deaths.            | 1912-1917.<br>Number of deaths.             | 1918-1923.<br>Number of deaths.            | 1924-1925.<br>Number of deaths.          |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1906 .. 132                               | 1912 .. 95                                  | 1918 .. 97                                 | 1924 .. 75                               |
| 1907 .. 118                               | 1913 .. 108                                 | 1919 .. 89                                 | 1925 .. 75                               |
| 1908 .. 120                               | 1914 .. 105                                 | 1920 .. 80                                 |                                          |
| 1909 .. 109                               | 1915 .. 110                                 | 1921 .. 83                                 |                                          |
| 1910 .. 105                               | 1916 .. 91                                  | 1922 .. 77                                 |                                          |
| 1911 .. 130                               | 1917 .. 96                                  | 1923 .. 69                                 |                                          |
| Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 119 | Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 100.8 | Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 82.5 | Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 75 |

#### *EAST SUSSEX : Deaths at ages under one year per 1,000 births.*

| 1906-1911.<br>Number of deaths.             | 1912-1917.<br>Number of deaths.             | 1918-1923.<br>Number of deaths.             | 1924-1925.<br>Number of deaths.             |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1906 .. 85.81                               | 1912 .. 57.3                                | 1918 .. 67.34                               | 1924 .. 48.32                               |
| 1907 .. 86.83                               | 1913 .. 68.1                                | 1919 .. 62.06                               | 1925 .. 44.53                               |
| 1908 .. 76.1                                | 1914 .. 73.8                                | 1920 .. 46.39                               |                                             |
| 1909 .. 74.71                               | 1915 .. 86.07                               | 1921 .. 50.36                               |                                             |
| 1910 .. 75.99                               | 1916 .. 70                                  | 1922 .. 51.64                               |                                             |
| 1911 .. 81.9                                | 1917 .. 69.95                               | 1923 .. 45.24                               |                                             |
| Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 80.22 | Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 70.87 | Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 53.83 | Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 46.43 |

Attention is called to *Chart 1* (page 22), shewing a steady and nearly continuous reduction in the infant mortality which has been in progress during the last 25 years.

### Midwifery Service.

The number of certified midwives on the Register at the end of 1924 within the area for which the County Maternity and Child Welfare Committee is the Local Supervising Authority, was 144, of whom 137 were trained and 7 were untrained. During the year 1925, 42 new names were added to the Register, in many cases, however, the midwife practising only temporarily in the area. During the year 2 midwives ceased practising and 39 left the County area. Thus, on the 31st December, 1925, there were 145 midwives on the Register, of whom 140 had passed the qualifying examination of the Central Midwives Board, after a complete course of training, whilst 5 were women, mostly untrained, who had been registered as having been in practice as *bona fide* midwives when the Midwives Act of 1902 was passed.

The numbers of midwives on the register within the area at the end of each of the last five years, were as follow :—

|      | Registered after examination by Central Midwives Board. | Registered as <i>bona fide</i> Midwives. | Total. |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1921 | 134                                                     | 20                                       | 154    |
| 1922 | 126                                                     | 13                                       | 139    |
| 1922 | 128                                                     | 8                                        | 136    |
| 1924 | 137                                                     | 7                                        | 144    |
| 1925 | 140                                                     | 5                                        | 145    |

The following table shews the number of midwifery or maternity cases attended by the midwives practising in the area during the year :—

|                                                                              | Number of Midwives practising on 31st Dec., 1925. | Number of Births attended during year. | Engaged as Midwife. | Engaged as Maternity Nurse.  |                               |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
|                                                                              |                                                   |                                        |                     | Medical Practitioner absent. | Medical Practitioner present. | Total. |
| <i>Trained Midwives :</i>                                                    |                                                   |                                        |                     |                              |                               |        |
| Working for Associations affiliated to East Sussex County Nursing Federation | 115                                               | 2007                                   | 1316                | 238                          | 453                           | 691    |
| Working for Non-affiliated Associations ..                                   | 5                                                 | 160                                    | 120                 | 8                            | 32                            | 40     |
| Working independently ..                                                     | 20                                                | 92                                     | 58                  | 9                            | 25                            | 34     |
| <i>Untrained Midwives:</i>                                                   |                                                   |                                        |                     |                              |                               |        |
| Working independently ..                                                     | 5                                                 | 59                                     | 54                  | 2                            | 3                             | 5      |
| Totals ..                                                                    | 145                                               | 2318                                   | 1548                | 257                          | 513                           | 770    |

The total number of infants born in the County area (exclusive of the Borough of Hove) during the year was 3,032 ; and the importance of the work of the midwives will be understood when it is found that the 186 certified women in practice (of whom 124 were subsidised by the County Council's annual grant for Maternity and Child Welfare Work) attended, either as maternity nurse or as midwife, about 77 per cent. of the total number of mothers who were confined during the year. Altogether, 2,318 births were attended ; in 1,805 cases the nurse acted as midwife, having been engaged as such in 1,548 cases, and having acted as such in 257 other cases in which the services of a medical practitioner had been arranged for, but were not available at the time of the confinement. In the remaining 513 cases the midwife was engaged as a maternity nurse, a medical practitioner being present at the confinement.

In 211 of the " midwives' cases " it was necessary to send for medical help before the child was born ; and in 191 other cases medical assistance, either for the mother or for her infant, became necessary after the confinement. The assistance of a medical practitioner was thus necessary in 402 cases out of 1,805 in which the nurse was acting as a midwife, as compared with 407 cases out of 1,661 attended by midwives during 1924 in which medical help was required. The fees paid by the County Council to medical practitioners called in amounted to £231 4s. 9d. during the year 1925, as compared with an amount of £174 2s. 0d. paid similarly during 1924. Of these amounts the patients repaid to the County Council £80 os. 6d. in 1925, and £82 8s. 6d. in 1924.

*Provision of Hospital Midwifery Treatment.* Arrangements are in force whereby women who require special treatment in their confinement are admitted into the Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton, the Crowborough Cottage Hospital, and the recently established Maternity Home at Tunbridge Wells.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's scheme provides hospital treatment in the following cases :—

- (1) In cases of immediate urgency, when sudden danger or difficulty arise in the course of confinement, the medical practitioner in attendance may send the case into hospital forthwith, and the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee assume responsibility for such part of the hospital charges as the patient is unable to meet ;
- (2) In certain cases, in which there is reason to apprehend dangerous complication of a forthcoming confinement, the patient is admitted into hospital before the confinement begins ;
- (3) In cases in which the home conditions are unsuitable for confinement, admission into hospital is similarly arranged ; in these cases either (a) the house may be so insanitary that the woman cannot safely undergo her confinement there, or (b) the home conditions, although otherwise satisfactory, may be such that no proper accommodation is available, and
- (4) In cases, which occur only occasionally, in which the woman is living in a part of the country so remote from the residence of either a medical practitioner or a midwife, that satisfactory arrangements for home confinement cannot be made.

During 1925 altogether 56 women were provided with hospital treatment at the Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton, and 3 cases were admitted into the Crowborough Cottage Hospital. Of the 59 cases thus admitted into hospital, 17 were admitted because of difficulties arising directly in connection with labour, and 25 were cases in which ante-natal observation had detected disease or deformity which necessitated hospital treatment in the interests of the mother or the infant, or both. In the remaining 17 cases the home conditions were unfavourable for one reason or another.

|                                                        | Sussex Maternity and<br>Women's Hospital. | Crowborough Cottage<br>Hospital. | Total. |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Emergencies arising directly in connection with labour | 17                                        | —                                | 17     |
| Induction of premature labour .. ..                    | 9                                         | —                                | 9      |
| Pregnancy complicated by albuminuria .. ..             | 8                                         | —                                | 8      |
| Various .. ..                                          | 8                                         | —                                | 8      |
| Unfavourable home conditions :—                        |                                           |                                  |        |
| Medical attendance not available .. ..                 | 4                                         | —                                | 4      |
| Insanitary home conditions, overcrowding, etc. ..      | 10                                        | 3                                | 13     |
|                                                        | 56                                        | 3                                | 59     |

In addition to the above, responsibility was accepted for the cost of treatment of a woman admitted to the Eastbourne Maternity Hospital.

The total cost of treatment provided for these cases by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee was £419 5s. 0d. towards which the patients themselves contributed £152 5s. 7d., leaving £266 19s. 5d. as the nett cost to the County Council, as against a total cost of £286 3s. 4d. (towards which the patients contributed £81 5s. 3d.) for the year 1924.

*Provision for Unmarried Mothers and their Infants.* Two Hostels—one maintained by the Chichester Diocesan Purity Association at Hove, the other, the Bell Hostel, maintained by the local branch of the British Red Cross Society at Eastbourne—are available for the reception of unmarried mothers and their infants, until the latter reach the age of 12 months. Both institutions are managed excellently ; and have fully trained nurses as matrons in charge. The Hove Hostel receives the mother and infant ; the Bell Hostel at Eastbourne has special lying-in wards, so that the mother can be confined in the institution. The cases remain in the hostels until the infant, having reached the age of 12 months, no longer requires breast feeding. After a time, the mothers are allowed to go out for day service—either as domestic servants or as shop assistants—under conditions which provide for necessary attention being given to the infant. During the year 1925 five unmarried mothers with their infants were maintained in the Bell Hostel, Eastbourne, and one at the Hostel at Hove.

*Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.* The number of centres in existence during the year was 33. The work at the Ditchling and Rye Centres has been temporarily suspended, so that at the end of the year only 31 centres were open. All of the Centres have regular Medical Officers, and the District Nursing Superintendents visit the Centres within their respective districts from time to time, for the purpose of giving health talks, etc.

### COUNTY NURSING SERVICE.

*East Sussex County Nursing Scheme.* The Scheme for co-ordinating the County Council's health nursing work with the general nursing by means of a close co-operation with the East Sussex Nursing Federation, continues to work most satisfactorily.

The five District Nursing Superintendents carried out during the year the following routine work for the three Committees of the County Council which are directly concerned, with the East Sussex County Nursing Federation, in the Joint Scheme.

#### *Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.*

- (i) *Infant Visiting :* The District Superintendents are responsible for routine infant visiting in the relatively small number of parishes in which a District Nurse is not available. The numbers of visits paid to infants and young children during the year were as follows :—

- (a) to infants under the age of 12 months : 355 visits.
- (b) to infants and young children between the ages of one and five years : 646 visits.
- (ii) The District Superintendents are also responsible for the supervision of the infant visiting work of the District Nurses.
- (iii) *Attendances at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres* : There are 31 such centres established under the supervision of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, and these were visited on 163 occasions. " Talks " on the management of infants and young children were given at 145 of these visits ; the 18 other visits were made for the purposes of inspection, etc.
- (iv) *Supervision of Midwives* : One hundred and eighty-six certified midwives were in practice within the County area during the year ; and 383 visits of inspection were made by the District Nursing Superintendents. In addition to these routine visits for inspection, etc., 44 special visits were paid in connection with cases of puerperal infection, *ophthalmia neonatorum*, etc.

#### *Education Committee.*

##### *(Medical Inspection Sub-Committee.)*

- (i) *Attendance at Routine Medical Inspections of School Children* : On occasions of emergency, when the services of a district nurse have not been available, the District Superintendents have attended, for the purpose of assisting  
at 8 Routine Medical Inspections, and  
at 17 Dental Clinics.
- (ii) *Routine Head Inspections* : 128 visits to Schools for the purpose of inspecting the children's heads have been paid by the District Superintendents : altogether 89 schools were visited, and 12,337 examinations made.
- (iii) *Arranging for Attendance of Children at Hospital Treatment Centres* : The District Superintendents arranged for the attendance at hospitals of 237 children requiring operations for enlarged tonsils and adenoids and for minor ailments, or for refraction. Arrangements were also made by the District Superintendents for the attendance of 851 children at School Clinics for the purpose of refraction.
- (iv) *" Swabbing " Throats, in connection with outbreaks of Diphtheria or Suspected Diphtheria* : During the year 58 children were visited at their homes for the purpose of taking " swabs " from the nose and throat, and altogether 88 " swabs " were taken and submitted to bacteriological examination.

#### *Public Health and Housing Committee.*

The work of the District Nursing Superintendents for the Public Health and Housing Committee is mainly in connection with dealing with tuberculosis. Four of the 5 Superintendents act as Dispensary Nurses at the four County Dispensaries for Tuberculosis and have attended at 253 sessions: 628 home visits have been paid to persons with tuberculosis. In addition to this, the Superintendents arrange as to the setting up of out-door shelters loaned by the Public Health and Housing Committee to tuberculous patients.

In addition to the routine work detailed above, the District Superintendents have given much help in other directions by arranging the admission into hospitals of women and young children under the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's Scheme, and by making inquiries in connection with various branches of the County Public Health work. Two of the District Superintendents have been appointed Petitioning Officers under the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, for the purpose of presenting petitions, in the absence of the regular Petitioning Officer, in cases for which the County Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective are responsible.

#### *District Nursing Arrangements.*

Altogether 90 District Nursing Associations, employing 121\* nurses, received nursing grants from the County Council. Of these Associations 88 were affiliated to the East Sussex County Nursing Federation and two were " unattached." The grant allowed by the County Council is based upon the salary paid to their nurse by the District Association. Speaking generally, in the case of a whole-time " midwife " (*i.e.*, a nurse who does not do any general nursing), the grant is equal to the salary paid ; in the case of a " maternity nurse " (*i.e.*, a nurse who is occupied in both midwifery work and general nursing), the grant amounts to one-half of the salary paid. In either case, all fees received by the Association in respect of either midwifery or maternity nursing are deducted from the grant allowed for the year. In addition to the " midwifery and health visiting " grant, a small annual allowance is made in respect of cost of uniform and upkeep of bicycle.

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\*NOTE.—The District Nursing Associations receive grants in respect of the midwifery, maternity, nursing and public health visiting work of 103 of these nurses.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

The death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis in East Sussex for the year 1925 was at the rate of .6 per 1,000 of the population, being, with the exception of the rate of .59 reported in 1921, the lowest known in the County. The curve shewn in *Chart 2* (page 22) makes evident the steady and continuous fall, except for the rise during the years of the European War, which has characterised during the last 17 years the death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis.

The figures given below shew the rates for England and Wales and for East Sussex during the 17 years 1909 to 1925.

*England and Wales : Death Rates from Pulmonary Tuberculosis per 1,000 living.*

|                                                 |                                                 |                                               |                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1909 .. 1.063                                   | 1914 .. 1.024                                   | 1919 .. .978                                  | 1924 .. .841                                   |
| 1910 .. .988                                    | 1915 .. 1.137                                   | 1920 .. .871                                  | 1925 .. .833                                   |
| 1911 .. 1.062                                   | 1916 .. 1.156                                   | 1921 .. .884                                  |                                                |
| 1912 .. 1.022                                   | 1917 .. 1.229                                   | 1922 .. .889                                  |                                                |
| 1913 .. .989                                    | 1918 .. 1.323                                   | 1923 .. .836                                  |                                                |
| Average annual rate, per<br>1,000 living, 1.024 | Average annual rate, per<br>1,000 living, 1.174 | Average annual rate, per<br>1,000 living, .89 | Average annual rate, per<br>1,000 living, .837 |

*East Sussex : Death Rates from Pulmonary Tuberculosis per 1,000 living.*

|                                                |                                                |                                                |                                               |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1909 .. .79                                    | 1914 .. .75                                    | 1919 .. .73                                    | 1924 .. .7                                    |
| 1910 .. .8                                     | 1915 .. .8                                     | 1920 .. .69                                    | 1925 .. .6                                    |
| 1911 .. .79                                    | 1916 .. .92                                    | 1921 .. .59                                    |                                               |
| 1912 .. .73                                    | 1917 .. .78                                    | 1922 .. .66                                    |                                               |
| 1913 .. .88                                    | 1918 .. .99                                    | 1923 .. .75                                    |                                               |
| Average annual rate, per<br>1,000 living, .798 | Average annual rate, per<br>1,000 living, .848 | Average annual rate, per<br>1,000 living, .684 | Average annual rate, per<br>1,000 living, .65 |

NUMBER OF NOTIFIED CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY AS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

In accordance with the *Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations*, 1924, made by the Minister of Health, returns have been received from the District Medical Officers of Health of all notified cases of tuberculosis on the Registers of their respective Districts. The following is a summary of the returns received, which, however, probably underestimate somewhat the actual prevalence of the disease :—

| Districts.                                   | Popula-<br>tion. | Number of notified cases on Register on 31st December, 1925. |          |        |                |          |        |                 |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------------|----------|--------|-----------------|
|                                              |                  | Pulmonary.                                                   |          |        | Non-Pulmonary. |          |        | Grand<br>Total. |
|                                              |                  | Males.                                                       | Females. | Total. | Males.         | Females. | Total. |                 |
| <i>Three Large Towns.</i>                    |                  |                                                              |          |        |                |          |        |                 |
| Hove .. ..                                   | 45,000           | 56                                                           | 59       | 115    | 30             | 26       | 56     | 171             |
| Bexhill .. ..                                | 18,750           | 17                                                           | 19       | 36     | 4              | 4        | 8      | 44              |
| Lewes .. ..                                  | 11,110           | 22                                                           | 18       | 40     | 5              | 2        | 7      | 47              |
| <i>Ten Smaller Urban<br/>Districts</i> .. .. |                  |                                                              |          |        |                |          |        |                 |
|                                              | 51,840           | 59                                                           | 84       | 143    | 24             | 17       | 41     | 184             |
| <i>Twelve Rural Districts</i>                |                  |                                                              |          |        |                |          |        |                 |
|                                              | 133,400          | 138                                                          | 120      | 258    | 31             | 41       | 72     | 330             |
| Administrative<br>County ..                  | 260,100          | 292                                                          | 300      | 592    | 94             | 90       | 184    | 776             |

### PREVALENCE OF EPIDEMIC AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following figures shew the number of cases of enteric fever, scarlet fever and diphtheria notified in the County during the past three years.

|               | 1923.           |                                                     |                                                   | 1924.           |                                                     |                                                    | 1925.           |                                                     |                                                    |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|               | Number of cases | Morbidity (number of cases per 1,000 of population) | Case mortality (number of deaths per 1,000 cases) | Number of cases | Morbidity (number of cases per 1,000 of population) | Case mortality (number of deaths per 1,000 cases). | Number of cases | Morbidity (number of cases per 1,000 of population) | Case mortality (number of deaths per 1,000 cases.) |
| Enteric Fever | 25              | .09                                                 | 120                                               | 18              | .07                                                 | 166.6                                              | 16              | .06                                                 | 125                                                |
| Scarlet Fever | 393             | 1.53                                                | 12.72                                             | 331             | 1.28                                                | 9.06                                               | 265             | 1.02                                                | 18.87                                              |
| Diphtheria    | 100             | .39                                                 | 80                                                | 48              | .19                                                 | 62.5                                               | 84              | .32                                                 | 23.81                                              |

There was not any serious outbreak of epidemic disease in the County during the year. Sixteen cases of *encephalitis lethargica*, the so-called sleeping disease, were notified and 10 deaths occurred from this cause; 1 case of acute poliomyelitis was notified. Four cases of malaria were notified; three in the Borough of Hove and one in the Uckfield Rural District. Sixteen cases of typhoid fever, with 2 deaths, were notified during the year, as compared with 18 cases, with 3 deaths, notified during the preceding year.

### TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASES.

The total number of new patients presenting themselves for the treatment of venereal diseases or for diagnosis decreased slowly during the year. There has also been a slight decrease in the number of attendances, including both old and new patients.

|                                                        | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New cases ... ..                                       | 358   | 278   | 259   | 206   | 241   | 227   |
| Total number of attendances (new and old patients) ... | 4,297 | 5,258 | 5,664 | 5,235 | 6,559 | 6,355 |

In connection with the work of the Treatment Centres, and for the assistance of medical practitioners in their treatment of private cases, 1,185 specimens were examined in the laboratory and reported on during the year. It will be seen from the following figures that by far the greater part of this work was carried out in connection with patients attending at the Centres.

|                                                                      | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Specimens examined for Medical Staff of the Treatment Centres ... .. | 1,285 | 1,192 | 1,228 | 1,019 | 1,016 | 1,095 |
| Specimens examined for Private Practitioners ... ..                  | 46    | 50    | 103   | 102   | 62    | 90    |
| Total ... ..                                                         | 1,331 | 1,242 | 1,331 | 1,121 | 1,078 | 1,185 |

### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS, 1875 and 1899.

These Acts are administered by the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council, and not by the Public Health and Housing Committee. A record of the results of the analyses of samples taken under the Acts, and of samples taken informally, will be found on page 33.

### PUBLIC HEALTH (MILK AND CREAM) REGULATIONS, 1912 AND 1917.

Seven samples of cream, not sold as preserved cream, were taken for analysis during the year, all of which proved to be genuine.

Six samples of cream, sold as preserved cream, were examined; the boric acid contents in these samples were respectively .08, .09, .1, .1, .14, and .29, per cent., and all 6 samples contained more than 35 per cent. of fat. In connection with the use of preservatives in the milk trade in East Sussex, it may be noted that no added preservative was found in any one of 303 milk samples (250 of which were taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and 53 were informal samples) examined during the year.

**MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT, 1913.**

During the year 33 new cases were considered by the County Council's Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective ; of these, 9 have been sent to Institutions, 2 placed under Statutory guardianship, and 16 placed under supervision. In the remaining 6 cases no action was taken.

On the 31st December, 1925, the Committee were providing for 187 mentally defective persons, under the Act ; 67 were maintained in either certified institutions or approved workhouses, 13 had been placed under guardianship and 107 were under supervision in their own homes.

|                                                     |     |     |     | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|--------|
| Maintained in certified institutions                | ... | ... | ... | 30    | 21      | 51     |
| „ in approved workhouses                            | ... | ... | ... | 6     | 10      | 16     |
| „ under guardianship                                | ... | ... | ... | 3     | 10      | 13     |
| Under supervision in their own homes                |     |     |     |       |         |        |
| (a) Cases coming under Section 2 (b) (v) of the Act |     |     |     | 22    | 17      | 39     |
| (b) Other cases                                     | ... | ... | ... | 45    | 23      | 68     |
|                                                     |     |     |     | 106   | 81      | 187    |

**BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.**

The County Council allowed a grant at a rate not exceeding £240 to the East Sussex Voluntary Association for the Blind, in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1926. A complete register of necessitous blind persons residing in the County has been compiled ; and the assistance of the Voluntary Association has been invaluable in the making up of the Register. Altogether, 300 blind persons have been registered and their needs—so far as the Act permits—have been met. Good progress has been made, with the assistance of the Voluntary Association, in providing for the more pressing needs of the necessitous blind in the County. The County Education Committee have provided education, in Special Schools for blind children, for all those under the age of 16 years who have required it. The Education Committee have also provided secondary, or technical, education for certain blind persons who, being over the age of 16 years, were likely to benefit thereby.

I have the honour to remain,

Mr. Chairman, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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*County Medical Officer of Health.*

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15th July, 1926.

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### AREA AND POPULATION.

The Administrative County of East Sussex is 516,973 acres in extent (35,987 acres in Urban and 480,986 acres in Rural Districts). There are 152 civil parishes, of which six are situated within the Boroughs. Within the Administrative County there are the two Port Sanitary Authorities of Newhaven and New Shoreham.

The population of the Administrative County was 261,234 on the 19th June, 1921, the date of the Census. There was thus an increase of 19,088 over the population returned for the same area at the previous Census, taken on 2nd April, 1911. The Census figures as actually enumerated were "corrected" by the Registrar-General by making an allowance for "temporary residents" (see column (c) of Table I).

The Administrative County may be divided up, for statistical purposes, into grouped Districts—the three large towns of Hove, Bexhill and Lewes, ten other Urban Districts with populations of under 10,000, and 12 Rural Districts.

### CENSUS (1921) RETURNS.

The following table shews (a) the several populations of the Census 1911, (b) the populations at the Census of 1921, (c) the populations for 1921 as corrected by the Registrar General, (d) the acreage and density of population at the Census of 1921, and (e) the rateable value on the 1912 County Rate basis, of the respective groups of districts.

TABLE I.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | (a)<br>Population<br>at<br>Census of<br>1911. | (b)<br>Population<br>at<br>Census of<br>1921.<br>(19th June) | (c)<br>Population<br>1921, as cor-<br>rected by<br>Registrar<br>General. | (d)<br>Acreage, and<br>Density of<br>Population,<br>1921. | (e)<br>Rateable<br>Value,<br>County Rate<br>Basis,<br>1912. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>The Administrative County :—</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 242,146                                       | 261,234                                                      | 251,851                                                                  | 517,040 acres ;<br>1 person per 1.98<br>acres.            | £1,915,054                                                  |
| <i>Three large Towns—</i><br>Hove, Bexhill and Lewes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 68,475                                        | 77,665                                                       | 72,460                                                                   | 10,579 acres ; 7.35<br>persons per acre.                  | £643,383                                                    |
| <i>Ten other Urban Districts</i> , with popu-<br>lations of less than 10,000 persons ;<br>The Borough of Rye, and the Urban<br>Districts of Battle, Burgess Hill, Cuck-<br>field, East Grinstead, Haywards Heath,<br>Newhaven, Portslade-by-Sea, Seaford,<br>and Uckfield. | 47,366                                        | 51,304                                                       | 49,839                                                                   | 25,446 acres ; 2.01<br>persons per acre.                  | £298,369                                                    |
| <i>Twelve Rural Districts—</i><br>Battle, Chailey, Cuckfield, East-<br>bourne, East Grinstead, Hailsham,<br>Hastings, Newhaven, Rye, Steyning<br>East, Ticehurst, and Uckfield                                                                                             | 126,305                                       | 132,265                                                      | 129,552                                                                  | 481,015 acres ; 1<br>person per 3.6<br>acres.             | £973,302                                                    |

### VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE INTERCENSAL PERIOD, 1911-1921.

Table II shows the population of each sanitary district of the Administrative County together with the increase, or decrease, for each district at the end of the intercensal period.

TABLE II.

|                                        | Area in<br>Acres,<br>1921. | Population<br>at Census<br>of 1911. | Census<br>Population<br>(1921), as<br>corrected<br>by<br>Registrar<br>General | Increase or decrease<br>in Intercensal Period<br>1911-1921 for each<br>District. |           | Total<br>Increase<br>in<br>Intercensal<br>Period,<br>1911-1921 |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                        |                            |                                     |                                                                               | Increase.                                                                        | Decrease. |                                                                |
| <b>The Administrative County .. ..</b> | <b>517040</b>              | <b>242146</b>                       | <b>251851</b>                                                                 | —                                                                                | —         | <b>9705</b>                                                    |
| <i>Three large towns :—</i>            |                            |                                     |                                                                               |                                                                                  |           |                                                                |
| 1 Hove (M.B.) .. ..                    | 1543                       | 42173                               | 44150                                                                         | 1977                                                                             | —         |                                                                |
| 2 Bexhill (M.B.) .. ..                 | 7993                       | 15330                               | 17610                                                                         | 2280                                                                             | —         |                                                                |
| 3 Lewes (M.B.) .. ..                   | 1043                       | 10972                               | 10700                                                                         | —                                                                                | 272       |                                                                |
|                                        | 10579                      | 68475                               | 72460                                                                         | —                                                                                | —         | 3985                                                           |
| <i>Ten other Urban Districts :—</i>    |                            |                                     |                                                                               |                                                                                  |           |                                                                |
| 4 Rye (M.B.) .. ..                     | 985                        | 4229                                | 3832                                                                          | —                                                                                | 397       |                                                                |
| 5 Battle .. ..                         | 8252                       | 2924                                | 2868                                                                          | —                                                                                | 56        |                                                                |
| 6 Burgess Hill .. ..                   | 1496                       | 5124                                | 5540                                                                          | 416                                                                              | —         |                                                                |
| 7 Cuckfield .. ..                      | 863                        | 1899                                | 1873                                                                          | —                                                                                | 26        |                                                                |
| 8 East Grinstead .. ..                 | 6503                       | 7089                                | 7210                                                                          | 121                                                                              | —         |                                                                |
| 9 Haywards Heath .. ..                 | 928                        | 4851                                | 4996                                                                          | 145                                                                              | —         |                                                                |
| 10 Newhaven .. ..                      | 1184                       | 6665                                | 6460                                                                          | —                                                                                | 205       |                                                                |
| 11 Portslade-by-Sea .. ..              | 397                        | 6454                                | 7670                                                                          | 1216                                                                             | —         |                                                                |
| 12 Seaford .. ..                       | 3078                       | 4787                                | 6040                                                                          | 1253                                                                             | —         |                                                                |
| 13 Uckfield .. ..                      | 1760                       | 3344                                | 3350                                                                          | 6                                                                                | —         |                                                                |
|                                        | 25446                      | 47366                               | 49839                                                                         | —                                                                                | —         | 2473                                                           |
| <i>Twelve Rural Districts :—</i>       |                            |                                     |                                                                               |                                                                                  |           |                                                                |
| 14 Battle .. ..                        | 37098                      | 6636                                | 6210                                                                          | —                                                                                | 426       |                                                                |
| 15 Chailey .. ..                       | 49961                      | 12769                               | 12590                                                                         | —                                                                                | 179       |                                                                |
| 16 Cuckfield .. ..                     | 54094                      | 16853                               | 16350                                                                         | —                                                                                | 503       |                                                                |
| 17 Eastbourne .. ..                    | 32490                      | 5347                                | 5630                                                                          | 283                                                                              | —         |                                                                |
| 18 East Grinstead .. ..                | 45809                      | 13007                               | 13530                                                                         | 523                                                                              | —         |                                                                |
| 19 Hailsham .. ..                      | 58062                      | 18045                               | 18290                                                                         | 245                                                                              | —         |                                                                |
| 20 Hastings .. ..                      | 9614                       | 1768                                | 1829                                                                          | 61                                                                               | —         |                                                                |
| 21 Newhaven .. ..                      | 25115                      | 5033                                | 5860                                                                          | 827                                                                              | —         |                                                                |
| 22 Rye .. ..                           | 37264                      | 7146                                | 6830                                                                          | —                                                                                | 316       |                                                                |
| 23 Steyning East .. ..                 | 11568                      | 2891                                | 3453                                                                          | 562                                                                              | —         |                                                                |
| 24 Ticehurst .. ..                     | 45914                      | 13505                               | 12800                                                                         | —                                                                                | 705       |                                                                |
| 25 Uckfield .. ..                      | 74026                      | 23305                               | 26180                                                                         | 2875                                                                             | —         |                                                                |
|                                        | 481015                     | 126305                              | 129552                                                                        | —                                                                                | —         | 3247                                                           |

Table III. shews the birth rate and the principal death rates for the Administrative County during the twelve years 1914 to 1925 :—

TABLE III.

|       | Population estimated to the middle of each year. | Birth Rate, per 1,000 Living. | Infantile Mortality, Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Births. | Death Rate, per 1,000 Living. | Zymotic Death Rate, per 1,000 Living. | Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, per 1,000 Living. | Senile Mortality, Deaths at ages over 65 years as percentage of total Deaths. |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1914. | 245,223                                          | 16.02                         | 73.8                                                       | 11.36                         | .43                                   | .75                                                       | 46.5                                                                          |
| 1915. | 246,170                                          | 15.94                         | 86.07                                                      | 13.05                         | .57                                   | .8                                                        | 46.3                                                                          |
| 1916. | 247,117                                          | 15.54                         | 70.                                                        | 12.17                         | .35                                   | .92                                                       | 49.3                                                                          |
| 1917. | 248,064                                          | 12.5                          | 69.95                                                      | 12.08                         | .27                                   | .78                                                       | 50.2                                                                          |
| 1918. | 249,010                                          | 14.36                         | 67.34                                                      | 14.68                         | .33                                   | .99                                                       | 39.7                                                                          |
| 1919. | 249,957                                          | 13.73                         | 62.06                                                      | 11.81                         | .24                                   | .73                                                       | 49.5                                                                          |
| 1920. | 250,904                                          | 20.1                          | 46.39                                                      | 10.59                         | .36                                   | .69                                                       | 48.1                                                                          |
| 1921. | 251,851                                          | 16.71                         | 50.36                                                      | 11.51                         | .25                                   | .59                                                       | 52.7                                                                          |
| 1922. | 253,246                                          | 15.59                         | 51.64                                                      | 11.81                         | .25                                   | .66                                                       | 52.6                                                                          |
| 1923. | 255,998                                          | 15.11                         | 45.24                                                      | 11.25                         | .35                                   | .75                                                       | 52.9                                                                          |
| 1924. | 258,600                                          | 14.                           | 48.32                                                      | 11.85                         | .22                                   | .7                                                        | 55.3                                                                          |
| 1925. | 260,100                                          | 13.56                         | 44.53                                                      | 12.01                         | .23                                   | .6                                                        | 56.9                                                                          |

## PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS, 1925.

Table IV. shews the principal rates for 1925.

TABLE IV.

|                                                                                    | The 3 Large Towns | 10 other Urban Districts. | 12 Rural Districts. | The Administrative County. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| POPULATION at middle of 1925 (Registrar-General's estimate) .. ..                  | 74,860            | 51,840                    | 133,400             | 260,100                    |
| TOTAL BIRTHS.                                                                      |                   |                           |                     |                            |
| Male .. ..                                                                         | 420               | 356                       | 951                 | 1,727                      |
| Female .. ..                                                                       | 455               | 400                       | 944                 | 1,799                      |
| Total .. ..                                                                        | 875               | 756                       | 1,895               | 3,526                      |
| BIRTH RATE, per 1,000 of population ..                                             | 11.69             | 14.58                     | 14.21               | 13.56                      |
| DEATHS.                                                                            |                   |                           |                     |                            |
| Male .. ..                                                                         | 435               | 309                       | 740                 | 1,484                      |
| Female .. ..                                                                       | 617               | 336                       | 699                 | 1,652                      |
| Total .. ..                                                                        | 1052              | 645                       | 1,439               | 3,136                      |
| NETT DEATH RATE, per 1,000 of population ..                                        | 14.05             | 12.14                     | 10.93               | 12.01                      |
| SENILE MORTALITY.<br>(Deaths at ages over 65 years as percentage of total deaths.) | 58.6              |                           | 54.9                | 56.9                       |
| INFANTILE MORTALITY.<br>(Total Deaths of Infants under one year).                  |                   |                           |                     |                            |
| Male .. ..                                                                         | 30                | 14                        | 49                  | 93                         |
| Female .. ..                                                                       | 21                | 14                        | 29                  | 64                         |
| Total .. ..                                                                        | 51                | 28                        | 78                  | 157                        |
| DEATHS at ages under 12 months, per 1,000 births .. ..                             | 58.28             | 37.03                     | 41.16               | 44.53                      |
| ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE, per 1,000 population ..                                        | .27               | .19                       | .23                 | .23                        |
| SPECIAL DEATH RATES.                                                               |                   |                           |                     |                            |
| From Tuberculosis, per 1,000 population                                            |                   |                           |                     |                            |
| (a) Pulmonary .. ..                                                                | .48               | .71                       | .63                 | .6                         |
| (b) Other Tuberculous Diseases .. ..                                               | .21               | .13                       | .2                  | .19                        |
| From Cancer, per 1,000 of population ..                                            | 1.99              | 1.87                      | 1.51                | 1.72                       |
| From Heart Disease, per 1,000 of population ..                                     | 2.43              | 2.02                      | 2.02                | 2.14                       |
| From Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)                                       |                   |                           |                     |                            |
| Death Rate per 1,000 births .. ..                                                  | 5.71              | 1.32                      | 1.58                | 2.55                       |

The next Table shews the number of deaths at different periods of life in the Administrative County during the year 1925 :—

TABLE V.

| Sex.    | Urban Districts. |             |     |     |      |       |       |       |       |         | Rural Districts. |             |     |     |      |       |       |       |       |         |
|---------|------------------|-------------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|------------------|-------------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|         | All ages.        | Under 1 yr. | 1-2 | 2-5 | 5-15 | 15-25 | 25-45 | 45-65 | 65-75 | Over 75 | All ages.        | Under 1 yr. | 1-2 | 2-5 | 5-15 | 15-25 | 25-45 | 45-65 | 65-75 | Over 75 |
| Males   | 744              | 44          | 8   | 13  | 14   | 15    | 63    | 166   | 205   | 216     | 740              | 49          | 8   | 8   | 14   | 28    | 67    | 158   | 200   | 208     |
| Females | 953              | 35          | 14  | 7   | 14   | 20    | 77    | 212   | 232   | 342     | 699              | 29          | 7   | 4   | 13   | 21    | 65    | 177   | 153   | 230     |
| Total   | 1697             | 79          | 22  | 20  | 28   | 35    | 140   | 378   | 437   | 558     | 1439             | 78          | 15  | 12  | 27   | 49    | 132   | 335   | 353   | 438     |

TABLE VI.

Causes of and Ages at Death during the year 1925 in the Urban Districts.

| CAUSES OF DEATH.                                              |                | Deaths in or belonging to Districts,<br>at subjoined ages. |               |                  |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |                |          | Deaths in or belonging to each District,<br>at all ages. |        |      |         |               |            |                 |                 |           |                    |          |           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|------|---------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
|                                                               |                |                                                            |               |                  |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |                |          | BOROUGHs.                                                |        |      |         |               |            |                 |                 |           |                    |          |           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|                                                               |                | All Ages.                                                  | Under 1 year. | 1 and 2 under 5. | 5 and 15 under 15. | 15 and 25 under 25. | 25 and 45 under 45. | 45 and 65 under 65. | 65 and 75 under 75. | 75 and upwards | Bexhill. | Hove.                                                    | Lewes. | Rye. | Battle. | Burgess Hill. | Cuckfield. | East Grinstead. | Haywards Heath. | Newhaven. | Portsmouth-by-Sea. | Seaford. | Uckfield. |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| All Causes.                                                   | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 1697           | 79       | 22                                                       | 20     | 28   | 35      | 140           | 378        | 437             | 558             | 215       | 691                | 146      | 46        | 34 | 91 | 28 | 96 | 69 | 84 | 98 | 56 | 43 |     |
| 1. Enteric Fever                                              | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 1              | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 2. Smallpox                                                   | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 0              | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 3. Measles                                                    | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 10             | 3        | 3                                                        | 2      | 2    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 4. Scarlet Fever                                              | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 3              | 1        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 5. Whooping Cough                                             | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 5              | 2        | 2                                                        | 1      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 6. Diphtheria                                                 | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 0              | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 7. Influenza                                                  | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 62             | —        | —                                                        | 1      | 2    | —       | 6             | 12         | 12              | 29              | 7         | 25                 | 9        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 8. Encephalitis Lethargica                                    | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 8              | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 9. Meningococcal Meningitis                                   | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 0              | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 10. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System                    | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 73             | —        | —                                                        | 1      | 2    | 15      | 34            | 12         | 7               | 2               | 4         | 23                 | 9        | 2         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 11. Other Tuberculous Diseases                                | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 23             | —        | 4                                                        | 4      | 4    | 1       | 6             | 3          | 1               | —               | 3         | 9                  | 4        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 12. Cancer, Malignant Disease                                 | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 246            | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | 10            | 100        | 72              | 64              | 31        | 99                 | 19       | 7         | 6  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 13. Rheumatic Fever                                           | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 4              | —        | —                                                        | —      | 2    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | 1         | —                  | 2        | 1         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 14. Diabetes                                                  | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 20             | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | 1       | 2             | 8          | 4               | 5               | 2         | 10                 | 3        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 15. Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.                                 | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 119            | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | 23         | 50              | 45              | 22        | 44                 | 6        | 2         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 16. Heart Disease                                             | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 287            | —        | —                                                        | —      | 2    | 2       | 6             | 68         | 96              | 113             | 28        | 127                | 27       | 12        | 4  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 17. Arterio-Sclerosis                                         | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 96             | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | 14         | 34              | 47              | 24        | 35                 | 11       | 5         | 7  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 18. Bronchitis                                                | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 85             | 1        | 2                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | 5          | 23              | 53              | 9         | 26                 | 11       | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 19. Pneumonia (all forms)                                     | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 88             | 5        | 4                                                        | 1      | —    | 4       | 6             | 14         | 25              | 29              | 7         | 41                 | 10       | 1         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 20. Other Respiratory Diseases                                | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 32             | —        | —                                                        | 2      | 1    | —       | —             | 2          | 8               | 12              | 5         | 18                 | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 21. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum                              | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 9              | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | 3             | 3          | 2               | 1               | —         | 3                  | 1        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 22. Diarrhœa, etc. (under 2 years)                            | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 6              | 5        | 1                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | 1         | 2                  | 2        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 23. Appendicitis and Typhlitis                                | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 9              | —        | —                                                        | —      | 2    | 1       | —             | 3          | 1               | 2               | 1         | 6                  | 2        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 24. Cirrhosis of Liver                                        | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 11             | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | 8          | 3               | —               | 1         | 9                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 25. Acute and Chronic Nephritis                               | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 37             | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | 1       | 5             | 11         | 13              | 7               | 6         | 17                 | 1        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 26. Puerperal Sepsis                                          | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 1              | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 27. Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 2              | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | 2             | —          | —               | —               | 1         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 28. Congenital Debility and Malformation, premature birth     | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 56             | 52       | 2                                                        | 1      | 1    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | 10        | 21                 | 3        | 2         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 29. Suicide                                                   | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 19             | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | 1       | 6             | 8          | 3               | 1               | 1         | 8                  | 2        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 30. Other Deaths from Violence                                | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 36             | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | 2       | 7             | 5          | 6               | 8               | 3         | 13                 | 5        | 2         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 31. Other defined Diseases                                    | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 348            | 10       | 5                                                        | 3      | 4    | 7       | 33            | 72         | 74              | 140             | 48        | 144                | 27       | 10        | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| 32. Causes ill-defined or unknown                             | ...            | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 1              | —        | —                                                        | —      | —    | —       | —             | —          | —               | —               | —         | —                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  |     |
| Deaths of Infants under 1 year                                | { Total        | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 79             | ...      | ...                                                      | ...    | ...  | ...     | ...           | ...        | ...             | ...             | 11        | 31                 | 9        | 2         | 2  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | ... |
| Deaths of Infants under 1 year                                | { Illegitimate | ...                                                        | ...           | ...              | ...                | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                 | 10             | ...      | ...                                                      | ...    | ...  | ...     | ...           | ...        | ...             | ...             | —         | 4                  | —        | —         | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | ... |

TABLE VII.

Causes of and Ages at Death during the year 1925, in the Rural Districts.

| Deaths in or belonging to Districts,<br>at subjoined ages.    |           |               |                |                |                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          | Deaths in or belonging to each District,<br>at all ages. |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                |            |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| CAUSES OF DEATH.                                              | All Ages. | Under 1 year. | 1 and under 2. | 2 and under 5. | 5 and under 15. | 15 and under 25. | 25 and under 45. | 45 and under 65. | 65 and under 75. | 75 and upwards. | Deaths in or belonging to each District,<br>at all ages. |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                |            |           |
|                                                               |           |               |                |                |                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 | Battle.                                                  | Chailey. | Cuckfield.                                               | Eastbourne. | East Grinstead. | Hailsham. | Hastings. | Newhaven. | Rye. | Steyning East. | Ticehurst. | Uckfield. |
| All Causes                                                    | 1439      | 78            | 15             | 12             | 27              | 49               | 132              | 335              | 353              | 438             | 74                                                       | 134      | 188                                                      | 65          | 141             | 199       | 35        | 74        | 82   | 29             | 150        | 268       |
| 1. Enteric Fever                                              | 1         |               |                |                |                 | 1                |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          |                                                          |             | 1               |           |           |           |      |                |            |           |
| 2. Smallpox                                                   | 0         |               |                |                |                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                |            |           |
| 3. Measles                                                    | 0         |               |                |                |                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                |            |           |
| 4. Scarlet Fever                                              | 2         |               |                |                | 2               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                |            |           |
| 5. Whooping Cough                                             | 16        | 7             | 8              |                | 1               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          | 3                                                        |             | 3               | 2         |           | 1         |      |                |            | 1         |
| 6. Diphtheria                                                 | 2         |               |                |                | 1               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                |            |           |
| 7. Influenza                                                  | 35        |               |                |                | 1               | 4                | 5                | 8                | 11               | 7               | 1                                                        | 5        | 2                                                        | 1           | 8               | 3         | 2         |           | 1    | 2              |            | 5         |
| 8. Encephalitis Lethargica                                    | 2         |               |                |                | 2               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                |            | 6         |
| 9. Meningococcal Meningitis                                   | 0         |               |                |                |                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                |            |           |
| 10. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System                    | 83        | 1             |                | 1              | 1               | 16               | 39               | 24               | 1                |                 | 1                                                        | 7        | 3                                                        | 3           | 6               | 17        | 2         |           |      | 2              |            | 14        |
| 11. Other Tuberculous Diseases                                | 27        | 2             | 1              | 4              | 3               | 6                | 7                | 3                | 1                |                 | 1                                                        | 5        | 3                                                        |             | 3               | 2         |           | 7         | 3    | 1              |            | 5         |
| 12. Cancer, Malignant Disease                                 | 199       |               | 1              |                | 1               | 1                | 11               | 77               | 76               | 32              | 14                                                       | 16       | 23                                                       | 11          | 15              | 27        | 7         | 9         | 15   | 6              |            | 44        |
| 13. Rheumatic Fever                                           | 4         |               |                |                |                 |                  | 2                | 2                |                  |                 | 1                                                        |          |                                                          |             | 2               |           | 1         |           |      |                |            |           |
| 14. Diabetes                                                  | 12        |               |                |                | 1               |                  |                  | 7                | 3                | 1               |                                                          |          | 1                                                        | 1           | 1               | 2         |           |           | 2    | 1              |            | 3         |
| 15. Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.                                 | 115       |               |                |                | 1               |                  | 3                | 26               | 38               | 47              | 5                                                        | 12       | 12                                                       | 8           | 11              | 18        | 2         | 5         | 3    | 4              |            | 24        |
| 16. Heart Disease                                             | 266       |               |                |                | 1               | 2                | 10               | 61               | 95               | 97              | 12                                                       | 30       | 33                                                       | 8           | 22              | 38        | 6         | 15        | 15   | 5              |            | 55        |
| 17. Arterio Sclerosis                                         | 65        |               |                |                |                 |                  | 9                | 17               | 39               |                 | 11                                                       | 3        | 21                                                       | 3           | 5               |           | 6         |           |      |                |            | 3         |
| 18. Bronchitis                                                | 72        |               |                |                |                 | 1                | 1                | 4                | 16               | 45              | 2                                                        | 8        | 7                                                        | 3           | 5               | 13        | 2         | 4         | 3    | 1              |            | 14        |
| 19. Pneumonia (all forms)                                     | 62        | 7             | 1              | 2              | 2               | 2                | 4                | 12               | 14               | 18              | 7                                                        | 10       | 2                                                        | 2           | 12              | 3         | 1         | 2         | 9    | 1              |            | 11        |
| 20. Other Respiratory Diseases                                | 14        | 1             |                |                |                 | 1                | 2                | 5                | 1                |                 | 1                                                        | 3        | 1                                                        | 1           | 1               | 2         | 1         |           |      |                |            | 3         |
| 21. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum                              | 8         |               |                |                |                 |                  | 2                |                  |                  |                 | 1                                                        |          |                                                          |             |                 | 1         |           |           |      |                |            | 1         |
| 22. Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)                           | 3         | 2             | 1              |                |                 |                  |                  | 3                |                  |                 |                                                          | 1        |                                                          |             |                 | 1         |           |           |      |                |            | 1         |
| 23. Appendicitis and Typhlitis                                | 6         |               |                |                |                 | 1                | 2                | 3                |                  |                 |                                                          | 2        |                                                          |             |                 | 1         |           |           |      |                |            | 1         |
| 24. Cirrhosis of Liver                                        | 7         |               |                |                |                 | 1                | 2                | 1                | 3                | 1               |                                                          |          |                                                          |             |                 | 2         | 1         | 1         |      |                |            | 2         |
| 25. Acute and Chronic Nephritis                               | 27        |               |                |                |                 | 1                | 1                | 11               | 9                | 5               | 2                                                        | 2        | 5                                                        |             | 3               | 3         | 2         |           | 1    |                |            | 5         |
| 26. Puerperal Sepsis                                          | 3         |               |                |                |                 |                  | 3                |                  |                  |                 |                                                          | 1        |                                                          |             |                 | 1         |           |           | 3    |                |            | 1         |
| 27. Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition | 2         |               |                |                |                 | 1                | 1                |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           | 1         |      |                |            |           |
| 28. Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth     | 36        | 35            |                |                |                 |                  | 1                |                  |                  |                 | 5                                                        | 3        | 3                                                        | 3           | 1               | 6         |           | 1         | 1    | 1              | 2          | 10        |
| 29. Suicide                                                   | 19        |               |                |                |                 | 1                | 6                | 9                | 2                | 1               |                                                          | 2        | 2                                                        | 1           | 4               | 1         |           | 2         |      | 1              | 3          | 2         |
| 30. Other Deaths from Violence                                | 52        | 1             |                |                | 6               | 7                | 10               | 12               | 5                | 9               | 3                                                        | 4        | 13                                                       | 3           | 2               | 4         |           |           |      | 1              | 9          | 11        |
| 31. Other Defined Diseases                                    | 297       | 18            | 3              | 2              | 5               | 4                | 21               | 56               | 57               | 131             | 13                                                       | 23       | 38                                                       | 16          | 33              | 47        | 6         | 16        | 21   | 5              | 32         | 47        |
| 32. Causes ill-defined or unknown                             | 2         |               |                |                |                 |                  |                  | 2                |                  |                 | 1                                                        |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                | 1          |           |
| Deaths of Infants under 1 year                                | 78        |               |                |                |                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 | 6                                                        | 12       | 5                                                        | 3           | 5               | 13        | 1         | 3         | 2    | 2              | 6          | 20        |
| Total                                                         | 9         |               |                |                |                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 | 2                                                        | 2        | 1                                                        |             |                 |           | 1         | 1         |      |                | 1          | 2         |
| Illegitimate                                                  |           |               |                |                |                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                                                          |          |                                                          |             |                 |           |           |           |      |                |            |           |

**TABLE VIII.**  
**Cases of Notifiable Diseases occurring during the year 1925.**

| TOTAL NUMBERS OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN EACH DISTRICT. |           |          |        |      |                  |         |               |            |                |                 |           |                   |                  |           |         |         |          |            |             |                |           |           |         |           |      |                |             |           |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|------|------------------|---------|---------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|------|----------------|-------------|-----------|----|
|                                                        | Boroughs. |          |        |      | Urban Districts. |         |               |            |                |                 |           |                   | Rural Districts. |           |         |         |          |            |             |                |           |           | Totals. |           |      |                |             |           |    |
|                                                        | Hove.     | Bexhill. | Lewes. | Rye. | Totals.          | Battle. | Burgess Hill. | Cuckfield. | East Ginstead. | Haywards Heath. | Newhaven. | Portslade-by-Sea. | Seaford.         | Uckfield. | Totals. | Battle. | Chanley. | Cuckfield. | Eastbourne. | East Ginstead. | Hailsham. | Hastings. |         | Newhaven. | Rye. | Steyning East. | Titchhurst. | Uckfield. |    |
|                                                        |           |          |        |      |                  |         |               |            |                |                 |           |                   |                  |           |         |         |          |            |             |                |           |           |         |           |      |                |             |           |    |
| Total for Administrative County.                       | 113       | 24       | 28     | 2    | 167              | 13      | 20            | 2          | 31             | 8               | 13        | 29                | 14               | 5         | 135     | 10      | 26       | 48         | 22          | 43             | 30        | 2         | 9       | 18        | 6    | 7              | 54          | 275       |    |
| Small Pox                                              | 0         | 0        | 0      | 0    | 0                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         |    |
| Cholera                                                | 0         | 0        | 0      | 0    | 0                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         |    |
| *Diphtheria (including Membraneous Group)              | 84        | 10       | 4      | 2    | 28               | 0       | 3             | 0          | 9              | 0               | 2         | 5                 | 1                | 3         | 23      | 0       | 7        | 2          | 1           | 0              | 4         | 0         | 1       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         | 0  |
| *Erysipelas                                            | 69        | 3        | 2      | 0    | 23               | 0       | 2             | 0          | 4              | 0               | 2         | 3                 | 1                | 0         | 12      | 0       | 1        | 2          | 4           | 2              | 4         | 0         | 2       | 2         | 4    | 1              | 0           | 4         | 24 |
| *Scarlet Fever                                         | 265       | 7        | 17     | 0    | 65               | 13      | 5             | 2          | 15             | 6               | 7         | 7                 | 10               | 2         | 67      | 10      | 7        | 34         | 6           | 10             | 15        | 1         | 5       | 10        | 1    | 4              | 30          | 133       |    |
| Typhus Fever                                           | 0         | 0        | 0      | 0    | 0                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         |    |
| *Typhoid Fever                                         | 16        | 1        | 0      | 0    | 4                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 1               | 2         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 3       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 2              | 3         | 0         | 1       | 3         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         | 9  |
| Relapsing Fever                                        | 0         | 0        | 0      | 0    | 0                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         |    |
| Continued Fever                                        | 0         | 0        | 0      | 0    | 0                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         |    |
| *Puerperal Fever                                       | 5         | 1        | 0      | 0    | 1                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 1                 | 1                | 0         | 2       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 1         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         | 2  |
| Plague                                                 | 0         | 0        | 0      | 0    | 0                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         |    |
| Cerebro-spinal Fever                                   | 3         | 1        | 0      | 0    | 1                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 1                 | 0                | 0         | 1       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         |    |
| Acute Poliomyelitis                                    | 1         | 0        | 0      | 0    | 0                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 1              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 1         |    |
| Ophthalmia neonatorum                                  | 3         | 1        | 0      | 0    | 1                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 2              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         | 2  |
| Acute Poliomyelitis                                    | 0         | 0        | 0      | 0    | 0                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         | 0  |
| Encephalitis lethargica                                | 22        | 9        | 0      | 0    | 9                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 3              | 0               | 0         | 1                 | 1                | 0         | 5       | 0       | 3        | 1          | 0           | 0              | 1         | 3         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         | 8  |
| Malaria                                                | 4         | 3        | 0      | 0    | 3                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 1           | 1         | 0  |
| Dysentery                                              | 1         | 1        | 0      | 0    | 1                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         | 0  |
| Pneumonia                                              | 114       | 23       | 3      | 5    | 31               | 0       | 10            | 0          | 0              | 1               | 0         | 11                | 0                | 0         | 22      | 0       | 8        | 9          | 11          | 22             | 0         | 1         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 10          | 61        | 0  |
| Trench Fever                                           | 0         | 0        | 0      | 0    | 0                | 0       | 0             | 0          | 0              | 0               | 0         | 0                 | 0                | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0    | 0              | 0           | 0         | 0  |

\*These figures are taken from the Annual Return made to the County Medical Officer by the Registrar General. In the case of other diseases the figures are extracted from the Annual Reports of the District Medical Officers of Health.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

*The Midwives Acts, 1902 to 1918.*

During the year, the Inspectors of Midwives paid 434 visits of inspection, and their reports as to the general conduct of their practice by the midwives were satisfactory. Amongst the cases attended by certified midwives 4 infants died before medical assistance could be obtained. Medical assistance was required, and sent for, in the case of 314 mothers.

The total number of notifications received from the midwives during the year 1925 was 589, the occasions for the several notifications being as follow :—

**TABLE IX.**

| 1925.                         | Medical assistance required : |              | Death before medical assistance could be obtained : |             | Still-births : |          | Engaged in laying out the dead : | Attendance on cases liable to be sources of infection : | Cases in which artificial feeding of infant was necessary : | Total      |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                               | for mother :                  | for infant : | of mother :                                         | of infant : | male :         | female : |                                  |                                                         |                                                             |            |
| 1st Quarter ..                | 74                            | 23           | —                                                   | 2           | 1              | 3        | 24                               | 14                                                      | 6                                                           | 147        |
| 2nd " ..                      | 78                            | 22           | —                                                   | 1           | 3              | 1        | 8                                | 11                                                      | 11                                                          | 135        |
| 3rd " ..                      | 88                            | 22           | —                                                   | —           | —              | 1        | 13                               | 20                                                      | 7                                                           | 151        |
| 4th " ..                      | 74                            | 21           | —                                                   | 1           | —              | 3        | 20                               | 28                                                      | 9                                                           | 156        |
| <b>Total for year 1925 ..</b> | <b>314</b>                    | <b>88</b>    | <b>—</b>                                            | <b>4</b>    | <b>4</b>       | <b>8</b> | <b>65</b>                        | <b>73</b>                                               | <b>33</b>                                                   | <b>589</b> |
| For year 1924 ..              | 317                           | 90           | —                                                   | 6           | 9              | 15       | 94                               | 32                                                      | 34                                                          | 597        |
| " 1923 ..                     | 250                           | 66           | —                                                   | 3           | 12             | 6        | 49                               | 39                                                      | 42                                                          | 467        |
| " 1922 ..                     | 232                           | 71           | 1                                                   | 4           | 17             | 10       | 56                               | 21                                                      | 29                                                          | 442        |
| " 1921 ..                     | 184                           | 53           | —                                                   | 2           | 12             | 11       | 46                               | 34                                                      | 21                                                          | 363        |

The amount paid in fees under the Midwives Act, 1918, during the year, to 50 medical practitioners who had been called in by midwives for the assistance of either mother or infant, on 158 occasions, was £231 4s. 9d., and £80 os. 6d., was received during the year from patients for whom such assistance was provided.

In the Borough of Hove 18 certified midwives were in practice during the year under the supervision of the Hove Town Council.

### *Provision for Midwifery and Maternity Nursing Services.*

The maximum total annual grant voted to District Nursing Associations in aid of midwifery and maternity nursing services in respect of the financial year 1925-26 apart from special grants in aid of the initial expenses of new associations and towards the cost of midwifery outfits, amounted to £8,288 18s. 0d., a sum which, at the end of the year, was reduced to about £6,195, by the deduction from the maximum grant of certain fees received by the Associations in respect of cases attended by their nurses. This grant was distributed amongst 90 district nursing associations, of which 88 employing 18 whole-time midwives and 91 maternity nurses, were affiliated to the East Sussex Nursing Federation, and 2 employing one whole-time midwife and three maternity nurses, were unattached.

In addition to the above, a grant of £380 10s. was made to the East Sussex County Nursing Federation towards the expenses of the Federation, attributable to midwifery services, and a grant, amounting to £87 4s. 11d., was made to the East Grinstead Infant Welfare Committee, who have established a very efficient Maternity and Child Welfare Centre with a whole-time health visitor.

### *Summary of ante-natal work done during the years 1921 to 1925.*

#### *Ante-natal Visiting.*

|                                                     | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of first visits paid to expectant mothers .. | 2207  | 2053  | 2233  | 2021  | 2049  |
| Total number of visits paid to expectant mothers .. | 6645  | 6233  | 7130  | 6741  | 6876  |

*Notification of Births.*

The following Table shews the total number of births notified as occurring in the Administrative County (excluding the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea) during 1925 :—

TABLE X.

|                    | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Living .. ..       | 1215   | 1226     | 2441   |
| Still-births .. .. | 34     | 35       | 69     |

Amongst the births notified are included 26 cases of twins (28 male and 24 female) and 1 case of triplets (1 male and 2 female).

The number of notifications (including 52 repeated in duplicate) received during the year were

|                                                  |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| (a) From Medical Practitioners and Parents .. .. | 653         |
| (b) Midwives .. ..                               | 1909        |
|                                                  | <u>2562</u> |

There were 454 births registered but not notified to the County Medical Officer of Health, and details as to most of these were supplied by the District Registrars of Births and Deaths.

*Infant Visiting.*

The County Council's scheme for Infant Visiting provides for the whole of the Administrative County excepting the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea. The Councils of these two districts adopted the Notification of Births Act, 1907, before its adoption in the County generally, and have formulated and carried out comprehensive Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes.

Infant visiting under the County Scheme is carried out by the nurses attached to the various district nursing associations, and in districts where there is not a nurse, by the County District Nursing Superintendents. At the time of writing there are only 6 parishes, with a total population of about 3,200 which are without the services of a district nurse.

The number of visits paid by the nurses during the years 1921 to 1925 are shown below :—

|                                                | 1921. | 1922. | Years.<br>1923. | 1924. | 1925. |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Visit to Infants under 1 year of age :         |       |       |                 |       |       |
| 1st Visits .. ..                               | 3229  | 3287  | 2955            | 2724  | 2619  |
| Total number of visits during year .. ..       | 15277 | 12630 | 12610           | 11403 | 11701 |
| Visits to children from 1 to 5 years of age .. | 16459 | 13469 | 16945           | 15879 | 17406 |

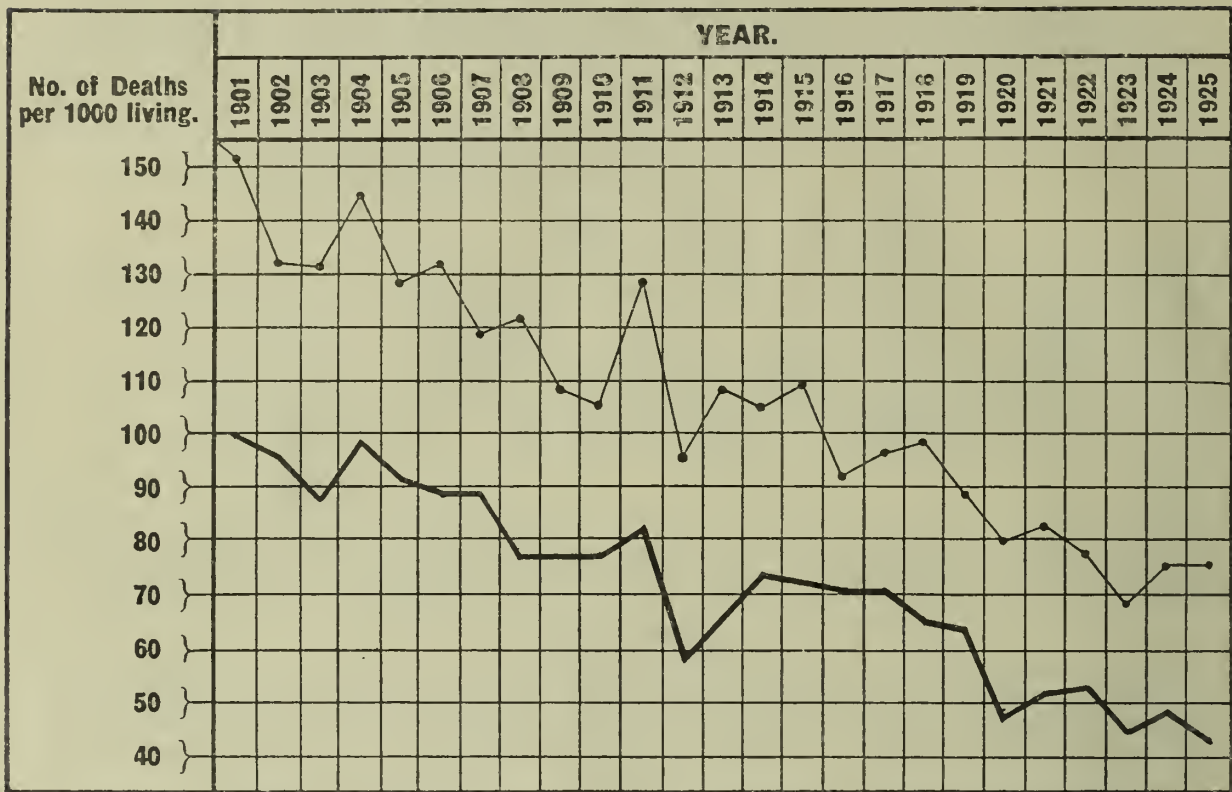
*Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.*

By the end of 1925 thirty-one Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, of which 29 were aided by annual grants received directly from the Ministry of Health, had been established within the County (excluding the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea) as follows :

Balcombe, Barcombe, Battle, Bexhill-on-Sea, Buxted, Burgess Hill, Chailey (North), Chailey (South), Copthorne, Crawley Down, Cuckfield, Danehill, East Grinstead, East Chiltington, Forest Row, Hailsham, Hamsey, Haywards Heath, Icklesham, Jarvis Brook, Lewes, Lindfield, Newhaven, Pevensey, Turners Hill, Uckfield, Wadhurst, Westham, West Hoathly, Winchelsea, and Withyham.

### CHART 1. INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Number of Deaths at ages under 12 months, per 1,000 births, from 1901 to 1925.

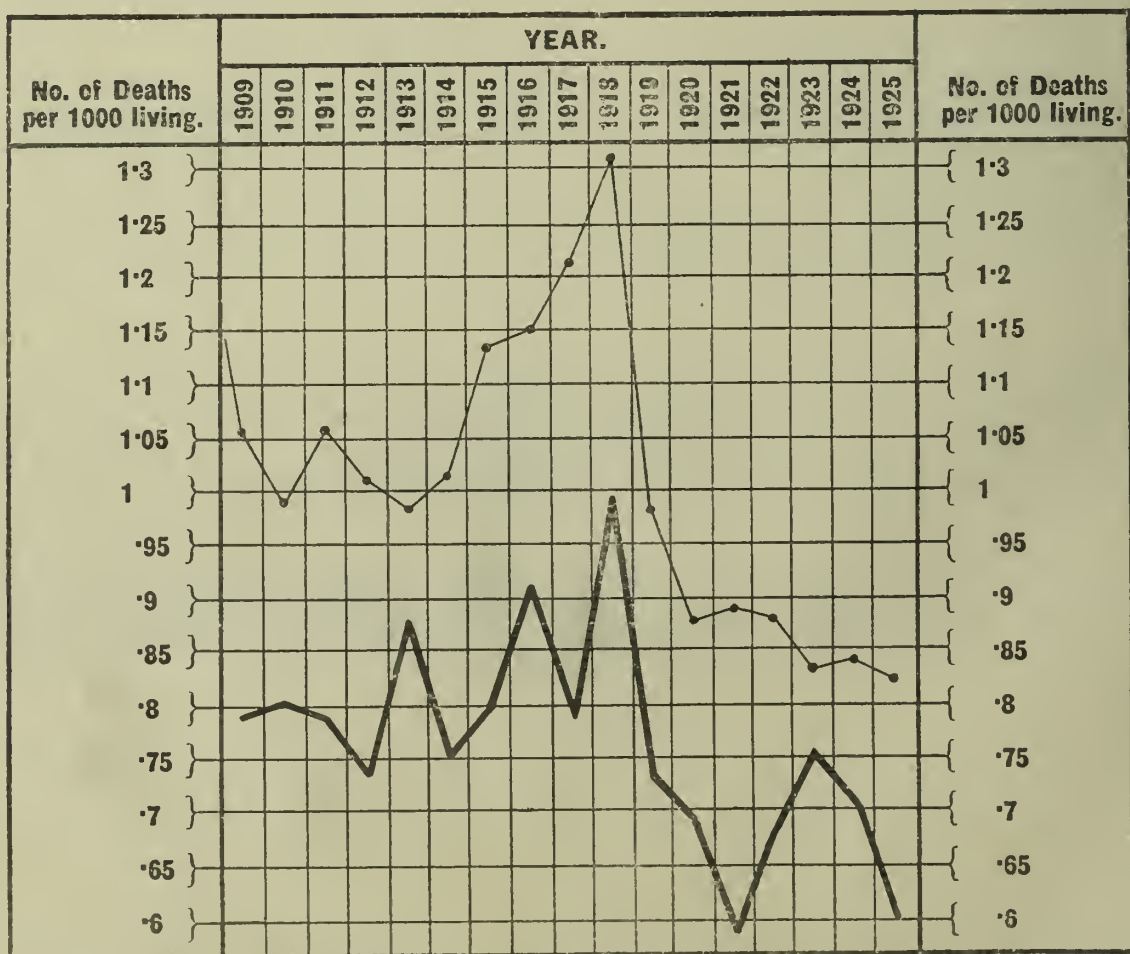


— = England and Wales.

— = Administrative County of East Sussex.

### CHART 2. PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—Number of Deaths per 1,000 of population, from 1909 to 1925.



— = England and Wales.

— = Administrative County of East Sussex.

**TUBERCULOSIS.***Notifications.*

|                         |                             |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Primary notifications : | Pulmonary tuberculosis      | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. |
|                         | ..                          | 183   | 167   | 219   | 164   | 171   |
| „                       | Other forms of tuberculosis | ..    | 49    | 56    | 51    | 55    |
|                         |                             |       |       |       |       | 71    |
| Totals                  | ..                          | 232   | 223   | 270   | 219   | 242   |

Notifications under these forms respectively during 1925 are shewn in Table XI :—

**TABLE XI.**

| At Ages ..             | Primary Notifications ( <i>Form A</i> ). |              |               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                           | Total<br>Primary<br>Notifica-<br>tions. | Total<br>Notifications<br>on Form A. |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                        | 0<br>to<br>1                             | 1<br>to<br>5 | 5<br>to<br>10 | 10<br>to<br>15 | 15<br>to<br>20 | 20<br>to<br>25 | 25<br>to<br>35 | 35<br>to<br>45 | 45<br>to<br>55 | 55<br>to<br>65 | 65<br>and<br>up-<br>wards |                                         |                                      |
| Pulmonary cases, Males | —                                        | —            | 2             | 1              | 5              | 10             | 27             | 15             | 15             | 6              | 2                         | 83                                      | 84                                   |
| „ Females ..           | —                                        | —            | —             | 2              | 8              | 17             | 24             | 18             | 9              | 6              | 4                         | 88                                      | 89                                   |
| Non-pulmonary Males .. | 1                                        | 9            | 10            | 4              | 4              | 6              | 2              | 1              | 2              | —              | —                         | 39                                      | 40                                   |
| „ Females ..           | —                                        | 6            | 8             | 5              | 5              | 1              | 2              | 3              | —              | 1              | —                         | 32                                      | 32                                   |
| Totals                 | 1                                        | 15           | 20            | 12             | 22             | 34             | 55             | 37             | 27             | 13             | 6                         | 242                                     | 245                                  |

*Tuberculosis Dispensaries.*

Dispensaries for the treatment of cases of tuberculosis are provided by the County Authority at Lewes, Hove, Bexhill, and East Grinstead. Tables XII. and XIII. give details as to the attendances, etc. :—

**TABLE XII.**

CLASSIFICATION, according to diagnosis, of NEW CASES.

Examined at the Dispensaries during the year ended 31st December, 1925.

| Dispensary.    | Tuberculous. |         |          |                |         |          | Not Tuberculous. |         |          | Total. |
|----------------|--------------|---------|----------|----------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|--------|
|                | Pulmonary.   |         |          | Non-Pulmonary. |         |          |                  |         |          |        |
|                | Males        | Females | Children | Males          | Females | Children | Males            | Females | Children |        |
| HOVE ..        | 16           | 17      | 0        | 3              | 0       | 7        | 16               | 18      | 31       | 108    |
| BEXHILL ..     | 17           | 9       | 1        | 1              | 0       | 0        | 8                | 3       | 21       | 66     |
| LEWES ..       | 10           | 16      | 0        | 1              | 0       | 3        | 17               | 14      | 16       | 77     |
| EAST GRINSTEAD | 7            | 5       | 0        | 1              | 1       | 1        | 3                | 6       | 5        | 29     |
| Totals ..      | 50           | 47      | 1        | 6              | 1       | 17       | 44               | 41      | 73       | 280    |

TABLE XIII.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND ATTENDANCES AT THE TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARIES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

| Dispensary.       | Days of Attendance. | Total number of patients examined for the first time during the period. | Total number of all patients who have attended during the period. | Total number of all patients treated during the period. | Total number of attendances—all patients. |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Hove ..           | Mondays & Fridays   | 108                                                                     | 190                                                               | 95                                                      | 561                                       |
| Bexhill ..        | Thursdays           | 66                                                                      | 102                                                               | 35                                                      | 193                                       |
| Lewes ..          | Tuesdays            | 77                                                                      | 108                                                               | 41                                                      | 266                                       |
| East Grinstead .. | Mondays             | 29                                                                      | 43                                                                | 20                                                      | 85                                        |
| Totals ..         | ..                  | 280                                                                     | 443                                                               | 191                                                     | 1105                                      |

TABLE XIV.

DARVELL HALL SANATORIUM

DETAILS AS TO EAST SUSSEX CASES OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS WHO RECEIVED TREATMENT AT THE SANATORIUM DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

|                           | Number of cases already in Sanatorium on 1st January, 1925. |         |        | Cases admitted to the Sanatorium during the year ended 31st December, 1925. |         |        | Patients discharged from the Sanatorium during year ended 31st December, 1925. |         |        | Number of deaths in the Sanatorium during year ended 31st December, 1925. |         |        | Number of cases remaining in the Sanatorium on 31st December, 1925. |         |        |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
|                           | Males.                                                      | Females | Total. | Males.                                                                      | Females | Total. | Males.                                                                         | Females | Total. | Males.                                                                    | Females | Total. | Males.                                                              | Females | Total. |
| Insured Persons ..        | 8                                                           | 16      | 24     | 39                                                                          | 36      | 75     | 27                                                                             | 28      | 57     | 5                                                                         | 4       | 9      | 12                                                                  | 22      | 34     |
| Discharged Service Men .. | 10                                                          | 0       | 10     | 22                                                                          | 0       | 22     | 20                                                                             | 0       | 20     | 3                                                                         | 0       | 3      | 10                                                                  | 0       | 10     |
| Non-Insured Persons ..    | 1                                                           | 14      | 15     | 3                                                                           | 18      | 21     | 4                                                                              | 21      | 25     | 0                                                                         | 3       | 3      | 0                                                                   | 6       | 6      |
| Totals ..                 | 19                                                          | 30      | 49     | 64                                                                          | 54      | 118    | 53                                                                             | 49      | 102    | 8                                                                         | 7       | 15     | 22                                                                  | 28      | 50     |

In addition to the above, 9 cases (5 males and 4 females) of *non-pulmonary* tuberculosis were admitted into Darvell Hall Sanatorium and two cases were dealt with at other Institutions.

The following Tables, prescribed by the Ministry of Health under Memorandum 37.T., shew the work carried out during the year at the several Dispensaries and also the extent of residential treatment provided in respect of patients suffering, or suspected to be suffering, from tuberculosis in all forms.

TABLE XV.

Annual Return showing the work of the Dispensaries during the year 1925.

| DIAGNOSIS.                                                                                   | PULMONARY. |     |           |    | NON-PULMONARY.                                                                           |    |           |    | TOTAL.  |     |           |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------|----|---------|-----|-----------|----|
|                                                                                              | Adults.    |     | Children. |    | Adults.                                                                                  |    | Children. |    | Adults. |     | Children. |    |
|                                                                                              | M.         | F.  | M.        | F. | M.                                                                                       | F. | M.        | F. | M.      | F.  | M.        | F. |
| A.—NEW CASES examined during the year (excluding contacts)                                   |            |     |           |    |                                                                                          |    |           |    |         |     |           |    |
| (a) Definitely tuberculous ...                                                               | 46         | 40  | —         | —  | 6                                                                                        | 2  | 4         | 7  | 52      | 42  | 4         | 7  |
| (b) Doubtfully tuberculous ...                                                               | —          | —   | —         | —  | —                                                                                        | —  | —         | —  | 10      | 10  | —         | 4  |
| (c) Non-tuberculous ...                                                                      | —          | —   | —         | —  | —                                                                                        | —  | —         | —  | 35      | 27  | 26        | 20 |
| B.—CONTACTS examined during the year :—                                                      |            |     |           |    |                                                                                          |    |           |    |         |     |           |    |
| (a) Definitely tuberculous ...                                                               | —          | 1   | —         | —  | —                                                                                        | —  | 2         | —  | —       | 1   | 2         | —  |
| (b) Doubtfully tuberculous ...                                                               | —          | —   | —         | —  | —                                                                                        | —  | —         | —  | —       | 1   | 2         | —  |
| (c) Non-tuberculous ...                                                                      | —          | —   | —         | —  | —                                                                                        | —  | —         | —  | 3       | 8   | 13        | 13 |
| C.—CASES written off the Dispensary Register as                                              |            |     |           |    |                                                                                          |    |           |    |         |     |           |    |
| (a) Cured ...                                                                                | 3          | 1   | —         | —  | —                                                                                        | —  | —         | —  | 3       | 1   | —         | —  |
| (b) Diagnosis not confirmed or non-tuberculous ...                                           | —          | —   | —         | —  | —                                                                                        | —  | —         | —  | 55      | 43  | 43        | 36 |
| D.—NUMBER OF PERSONS ON Dispensary Register on December 31st, 1925                           |            |     |           |    |                                                                                          |    |           |    |         |     |           |    |
| (a) Diagnosis completed ...                                                                  | 316        | 148 | 4         | 19 | 34                                                                                       | 11 | 7         | 19 | 350     | 159 | 11        | 38 |
| (b) Diagnosis not completed                                                                  | —          | —   | —         | —  | —                                                                                        | —  | —         | —  | 5       | 2   | 1         | 1  |
| 1. Number of persons on Dispensary Register on January 1st, 1925 ...                         | 576        |     |           |    | 7. Number of other visits by Tuberculosis Officers to Homes ...                          |    |           |    | 14      |     |           |    |
| 2. Number of patients transferred from other areas and of "lost sight of" cases returned ... | 16         |     |           |    | 8. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to Homes for Dispensary purposes ...    |    |           |    | 609     |     |           |    |
| 3. Number of patients transferred to other areas and cases "lost sight of" ...               | 99         |     |           |    | 9. Number of<br>(a) Specimens of sputum, &c., examined ...                               |    |           |    | 260     |     |           |    |
| 4. Died during the year ...                                                                  | 25         |     |           |    | (b) X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary work...                        |    |           |    | —       |     |           |    |
| 5. Number of attendances at the Dispensary (including Contacts) ...                          | 1105       |     |           |    | 10. Number of Insured Persons on Dispensary Register on the 31st December, 1925 ...      |    |           |    | 402     |     |           |    |
| 6. Number of consultations with medical practitioners :—                                     |            |     |           |    | 11. Number of Insured Persons under Domiciliary Treatment on the 31st December, 1925 ... |    |           |    | 68      |     |           |    |
| (a) At Homes of Applicants ...                                                               | 130        |     |           |    | 12. Number of reports received during the year in respect of Insured Persons :—          |    |           |    |         |     |           |    |
| (b) Otherwise ...                                                                            | 135        |     |           |    | (a) Form G.P. 17 ...                                                                     |    |           |    | 9       |     |           |    |
|                                                                                              |            |     |           |    | (b) Form G.P. 36 ...                                                                     |    |           |    | 101     |     |           |    |

*Corresponds with T.S.B. returned*

TABLE XVI.

Residential Institutions.

(A) AVERAGE NUMBER OF BEDS AVAILABLE FOR PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1925.

| —                        | Observa-<br>tion. | Pulmonary Tuberculosis.   |                    | Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.  |                   | Total. |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
|                          |                   | " Sana-<br>torium " Beds. | " Hospital " Beds. | Disease of Bones and Joints. | Other Conditions. |        |
| Adult Males ... ..       | As required.      | 20                        | 15                 | 3                            | —                 | 38     |
| Adult Females ... ..     |                   | 24                        | 10                 | 4                            | —                 | 38     |
| Children under 15 ... .. |                   | 3                         | —                  | 3                            | —                 | 6      |
| TOTAL ... ..             |                   | 47                        | 25                 | 10                           | —                 | 82*    |

\*Including 30 beds at the Darvell Hall Sanatorium, allocated to the County Borough of Hastings.

*Corresponds with T 54 received*

(B) ANNUAL RETURN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR EAST SUSSEX CASES DURING THE YEAR 1925.

|                                      |               |    | In<br>Institutions<br>on Jan. 1. | Admitted<br>during the<br>year. | Discharged<br>during the<br>year. | Died<br>in the<br>Institutions. | In<br>Institutions<br>on Dec. 31. |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Number of Patients ...               | Adults        | M. | 21                               | 66                              | 54                                | 8                               | 25                                |
|                                      |               | F. | 27                               | 47                              | 43                                | 6                               | 25                                |
|                                      | Chil-<br>dren | M. | 1                                | 4                               | 3                                 | —                               | 2                                 |
|                                      |               | F. | 5                                | 6                               | 8                                 | 1                               | 2                                 |
| Number of Observa-<br>tion Cases ... | Adults        | M. | —                                | 1                               | —                                 | —                               | 1                                 |
|                                      |               | F. | —                                | 2                               | 1                                 | —                               | 1                                 |
|                                      | Chil-<br>dren | M. | —                                | —                               | —                                 | —                               | —                                 |
|                                      |               | F. | —                                | —                               | —                                 | —                               | —                                 |
|                                      | Total         |    | 54                               | 126                             | 109                               | 15                              | 56                                |

TABLE XVII.

Return showing the immediate results of treatment of East Sussex patients\* and of observation of doubtful cases discharged from the Darvell Hall Sanatorium during the year 1925.

| Classification on admission to the Institution. |  | Condition at time of discharge. | Duration of Residential Treatment in the Institution. |    |               |             |    |            |              |    |            |                      |    |                    | TOTAL. |    |
|-------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----|---------------|-------------|----|------------|--------------|----|------------|----------------------|----|--------------------|--------|----|
|                                                 |  |                                 | Under 3 months.                                       |    |               | 3—6 months. |    |            | 6—12 months. |    |            | More than 12 months. |    |                    |        |    |
|                                                 |  |                                 | M.                                                    | F. | Ch.           | M.          | F. | Ch.        | M.           | F. | Ch.        | M.                   | F. | Ch.                |        |    |
| PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.                         |  | Class B.T. minus.               | Quiescent ... ..                                      | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Improved ... ..                                       | 3  | 2             | 1           | 1  | 5          | 3            | —  | 3          | 1                    | —  | —                  | —      | 19 |
|                                                 |  |                                 | No material improvement ...                           | —  | 1             | —           | 1  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | 2  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Died in Institution ... ..                            | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  | Class B.T. plus. Group 1.       | Quiescent ... ..                                      | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Improved ... ..                                       | 8  | 2             | 1           | 6  | 5          | —            | 4  | 2          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | 28 |
|                                                 |  |                                 | No material improvement ...                           | —  | 1             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | 1  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Died in Institution ... ..                            | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  | Class B.T. plus. Group 2.       | Quiescent ... ..                                      | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Improved ... ..                                       | 8  | 1             | —           | 5  | 4          | —            | 2  | 3          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | 23 |
|                                                 |  |                                 | No material improvement ...                           | 6  | 1             | 1           | 2  | 3          | —            | —  | 1          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | 14 |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Died in Institution ... ..                            | —  | 1             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | 1  |
|                                                 |  | Class B.T. plus. Group 3.       | Quiescent ... ..                                      | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Improved ... ..                                       | 1  | —             | —           | 3  | 2          | —            | —  | 1          | —                    | 2  | —                  | —      | 9  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | No material improvement ...                           | —  | 3             | —           | 1  | —          | 1            | —  | 1          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | 6  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Died in Institution ... ..                            | 5  | 1             | —           | 2  | 1          | —            | 1  | 2          | 1                    | —  | 1                  | —      | 14 |
| NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.                     |  | Bones & Joints.                 | Quiescent or Arrested ...                             | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      |    |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Improved ... ..                                       | —  | —             | 1           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | 1  | 1                  | —      | 3  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | No material improvement ...                           | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Died in Institution ... ..                            | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  | Abdominal.                      | Quiescent or Arrested ...                             | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Improved ... ..                                       | —  | 1             | —           | —  | —          | 2            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | 3  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | No material improvement ...                           | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
|                                                 |  |                                 | Died in Institution ... ..                            | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      | —  |
| Observation for purpose of diagnosis.           |  |                                 |                                                       |    | Under 1 week. |             |    | 1—2 weeks. |              |    | 2—4 weeks. |                      |    | More than 4 weeks. |        |    |
|                                                 |  |                                 |                                                       |    |               |             |    |            |              |    |            |                      |    |                    |        |    |
|                                                 |  |                                 |                                                       |    |               |             |    |            |              |    |            |                      |    |                    |        |    |
|                                                 |  |                                 |                                                       |    |               |             |    |            |              |    |            |                      |    |                    |        |    |
|                                                 |  | Tuberculous ... ..              | —                                                     | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      |    |
|                                                 |  | Non-tuberculous ... ..          | —                                                     | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | —                    | —  | —                  | —      |    |
|                                                 |  | Doubtful ... ..                 | —                                                     | —  | —             | —           | —  | —          | —            | —  | —          | 1                    | —  | —                  | 1      |    |

\*The definition of " patient " does not include persons in whom a definite diagnosis of tuberculosis has not been made.

NOTE—There were not any cases discharged from institutions, other than Darvell Hall Sanatorium, during the year.

*Correspondence with T.S.S. 11/11/25*

## DARVELL HALL SANATORIUM.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1925, BY DR. J. R. DINGLEY,  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

The year 1925 has been occupied by the planning and building of the hospital extensions, the Council having decided to improve the accommodation for advanced cases, and to equip a separate block for children. This has resulted in the erection of a new Men's Hospital with twenty-three beds, there being seven single and eight double wards, and a verandah on the north, as well as on the south side. This will be a great asset during the winter months when meals, etc., can be served without exposure to wind and rain, and yet there will be no interference with the supply of fresh air. The Women's Hospital has also been extended by the addition of two single and three double wards to the original building.

The Children's Block is being evolved out of an existing hut, by subdividing it into four small wards and a duty room, and by erecting a verandah. This verandah, besides having a charming and extensive view, will enable sun treatment to be satisfactorily carried out.

One end of the present Men's Hospital will be utilised for X-Ray plant, and the other for maids' cubicles.

Minor alterations are being carried out in the main block. Two large bedrooms have been divided to make smaller single rooms; the patients' dining rooms have been completely separated from the staff quarters; and there is to be an addition of two larders.

These improvements and extensions will add immensely to the comfort of the seriously ill patients of the staff, and will materially reduce the difficulties of nursing in bad weather.

The nursing staff had to be increased to meet the extra number of beds—now ninety-three, and this resulted in difficulties in finding accommodation for them. These have been overcome by transferring the Medical Superintendent from the main block to a house erected for the purpose.

It is hoped to set aside a portion of one of the huts as a workshop as a means of encouraging occupational therapy.

A piano is still needed for the men's recreation room.

Simple Services, alternately Church of England and Nonconformist, have been held throughout the year.

The Patients' Reunion at Whitsuntide was a great success, as was the Open Day.

Miss J. L. Edgar took up duties as Matron on November 23rd. One nurse entered for, and passed the examination for the diploma given by the Society of Superintendents of Tuberculosis Institutions.

I am pleased to report that both tone and discipline have been good during the past year, both having been greatly assisted by the activities of the handicraft section.

I should like to take this opportunity of placing on record my thanks for the following gifts:—Dolls for the children and chocolates for all the patients and staff at the Sanatorium at Christmas, and also for 6 pairs of fan-tailed pigeons.

*Artificial Pneumothorax.*

During the past two years treatment by induction of artificial pneumothorax has been sparingly employed on account of the difficulty of obtaining X-Ray control. In all, eighteen cases were attempted. The presence of adhesions in seven of these made the treatment impracticable, but one of them has had thoracoplasty performed at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and so far is doing well.

Of the remaining eleven, two were induced on account of repeated haemoptyses, R.B. on 4th May, 1925, and F.B. on 14th November, 1925. Both of these are doing very well, though R.B. does not gain much weight.

Three others were done as a last resource, more with a view to relieving symptoms, than with an idea of obtaining arrest of the disease. Of these, F.G. is dead (induced 7th October, 1925); F.T. is dying (induced 12th May, 1926), whilst G.D., in whom artificial pneumothorax was induced on 15th January, 1925, has been up and about with normal temperature and pulse for over a year, and has gained twelve pounds in weight.

Of the remaining six, one, A.H., discontinued the treatment on her own responsibility. In the case of C.H.B., only a partial pneumothorax could be induced. Since the induction, however, on 27th May, 1925, he has made immense progress, and gained fifty-one pounds. Prior to this he had been steadily losing ground, with pyrexia and persistent loss of weight. W.B. (induced 13th June, 1924) has maintained his health since that date, and still attends for refills, though his gain in weight has only been four pounds. D.M., a very chronic case that was steadily losing ground, and who also had tuberculous laryngitis. Induction was on 29th July, 1925, and this patient gained ten-and-a-half pounds and improved. I fear, however, that this improvement is not likely to be maintained. A.L., another very chronic case, who was admitted as a cot case, has greatly improved since her induction on 23rd October, 1925, in that she has no sputum, normal temperature, and is walking about. Her gain in weight was insignificant.

E.N. had a gas replacement on 23rd March, 1926, having developed an acute pleural effusion. The fluid was replaced by air with very satisfactory results. Her temperature fell in ten days, and she has gained twelve pounds. Unfortunately, the pneumothorax could not be preserved, the lung having expended and become adherent. So far, however, her improvement has been fully maintained.

J. R. DINGLEY,

*Medical Superintendent.*

8th July, 1926.

## ISOLATION HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

### A.—SMALLPOX.

#### 1. *Existing Accommodation.*

##### (a) Maintained by District Sanitary Authorities.

*Sedgebrook Smallpox Hospital.*—This Hospital serves the Western Smallpox Hospital District, which includes the Chailey, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Newhaven, Steyning East, and Uckfield Rural Districts, and the Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Haywards Heath, Newhaven, Seaford, and Uckfield, Urban Districts. The area of the combined districts is 276,287 acres, the population (1925) 117,845, and the rateable value (1912) is £837,519.

The hospital contains two wards, one with 6, and the other with 5 beds. There is ample space on the site for the erection of any additional temporary or other buildings that may be required.

A mortuary, ambulance house, and steam disinfecter (Thresh pattern) were taken over with the hospital; and the buildings, although originally used for farm purposes, have been adapted to their present use.

*Hailsham Smallpox Hospital.*—This is a small temporary building with 6 beds, which has proved of service in emergency in the past.

(b) Maintained by County Boroughs. All these hospitals are situated within the Administrative County.

##### (i.) *Hastings Smallpox Hospital.*—Situated at Brede, in the Battle Rural District.

Accommodation for 30 patients.

Areas served :—County Borough of Hastings; beds also available for patients from the Boroughs of Bexhill and Rye, Urban District of Battle, and the Rural Districts of Battle, Hastings and Rye.

##### (ii.) *Eastbourne Smallpox Hospital.*—Situated at Langney in the Eastbourne Rural District.

Accommodation for 18 patients, with space for erection of additional accommodation.

Areas served :—County Borough of Eastbourne, Rural District of Eastbourne.

##### (iii.) *Brighton Smallpox Hospital.*—Situated at Fulking Borstal, in the Steyning East Rural District.

Areas served :—County Borough of Brighton; beds also available for patients from the Boroughs of Hove and Lewes and the Urban District of Portslade.

#### 2. *Emergency Accommodation.*

The following Districts have hospital accommodation which could be used temporarily for cases of smallpox. At Bexhill the Berthon huts at Clinch Green could be used in time of emergency; and the Town Council of Rye, and the Rye Rural District Council have accommodation which might be similarly utilized. The Ticehurst Rural District Council have provided a site covered with cement concrete, on which a temporary building or tents could be erected at short notice.

### B.—DISEASES OTHER THAN SMALLPOX.

In addition to the District Authorities included in the Table on page 30 as having made provision more or less complete for the isolation of cases of infectious disease, either by themselves maintaining hospitals or by entering into agreement with some District Authority already having a hospital within the Administrative County, the Urban District Council of Battle and the Rural District Councils of Hastings and Battle have made arrangements for the admission of infectious cases from their districts into the Hastings Town Council's Sanatorium.

The Newhaven Rural District Council have an arrangement for the admission of infectious cases from their district into the Brighton Town Council's Sanatorium.

TABLE XVIII.

| HOSPITAL.                                 | Maintaining Authority.           | District served.                                                             | Population served 1925. | Beds. | Means of isolating different diseases.          |                               |                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                           |                                  |                                                                              |                         |       | Scarlet Fever.                                  | Diphtheria and Typhoid Fever. | Other.                                                                  |
| Hangleton Sanatorium.                     | Hove Town Council                | Hove, M.B. Portslade-by-Sea U.D. Steyning East R.D.                          | 56,722                  | 63    | 1 block                                         | 1 block                       | (a) Observation block.<br>(b) Emergency block.<br>Administration block. |
| Lewes Isolation Hospital                  | Lewes Town Council               | Lewes M.B.                                                                   | 11,110                  | 24    | 1 pavilion                                      | 1 pavilion                    |                                                                         |
| Clinch Green Temporary Isolation Hospital | Bexhill Town Council             | Bexhill M.B.                                                                 | 18,750                  | 20    |                                                 |                               |                                                                         |
| Udimore Joint Hospital                    | Rye Town Council<br>Rye R.D.C.   | Rye M.B.<br>Rye R.D.                                                         | 10,723                  | 28    |                                                 |                               |                                                                         |
| Newhaven Isolation Hospital               | Newhaven U.D.C.<br>Newhaven Port | Newhaven U.D. & Port<br>Scaford U.D.                                         | 13,141                  | 12    | 1 block 8 beds                                  | 1 block 4 beds                |                                                                         |
| High Grove Sanatorium                     | East Grinstead U.D.C. & R.D.C.   | East Grinstead U.D.<br>East Grinstead R.D.                                   | 21,956                  | 16    | 2 blocks 8 beds                                 | 1 block 8 beds                |                                                                         |
| Chailey Isolation Hospital                | Chailey R.D.C.                   | Chailey R.D.<br>Uckfield U.D.<br>Uckfield R.D.                               | 42,540                  | 12    | 1 block 8 beds                                  | 1 block 4 beds                |                                                                         |
| Deans Farm Hospital                       | Cuckfield R.D.C.                 | Cuckfield R.D.<br>Cuckfield U.D.<br>Burgess Hill U.D.<br>Haywards Heath U.D. | 28,859                  | 32    | Three diseases can be isolated at the same time |                               |                                                                         |
| Park Croft Isolation Hospital             | Eastbourne R.D.C.                | Eastbourne R.D.                                                              | 5,994                   | 8     | 1 ward                                          | 1 ward                        |                                                                         |
| Hailsham Isolation Hospital               | Hailsham R.D.C.                  | Hailsham R.D.                                                                | 18,530                  | 9     | One block only.                                 |                               |                                                                         |
| Ticehurst Isolation Hospital.             | Ticehurst R.D.C.                 | Ticehurst R.D.                                                               | 12,730                  | 16    | One block only, with four wards.                |                               |                                                                         |

# PREVALENCE OF EPIDEMIC AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING 1925.

The numbers of cases of the principal notifiable epidemic diseases (scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhoid fever) in the County during 1925 were as follow :—

TABLE XIX.

|                                                     | Three large towns.<br>(Hove, Lewes & Bexhill) |                   |                  | 10 other Urban<br>Districts. |                   |                  | 12 Rural Districts. |                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|                                                     | Scarlet<br>Fever.                             | Typhoid<br>Fever. | Diph-<br>theria. | Scarlet<br>Fever.            | Typhoid<br>Fever. | Diph-<br>theria. | Scarlet<br>Fever.   | Typhoid<br>Fever. | Diph-<br>theria. |
| 1. Number of cases notified                         | 65                                            | 4                 | 26               | 67                           | 3                 | 25               | 133                 | 9                 | 33               |
| 2. Number of Deaths ..                              | 3                                             | 0                 | 0                | 0                            | 1                 | 0                | 2                   | 1                 | 2                |
| 3. Case-Mortality : Deaths<br>per 1,000 attacked .. | 46.1                                          | 0                 | 0                | 0                            | 33.3              | 0                | 15.04               | 11.1              | 60.6             |

Detailed information as to the prevalence of the principal epidemic diseases in the various sanitary districts will be found on page 19.

## TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

The arrangements made by the County Council for the treatment of cases of venereal diseases include the provision, jointly with other Authorities, of Treatment Centres at Hastings, Brighton and Tunbridge Wells, and arrangements with various pathological laboratories for the examination of specimens sent by the Medical Officers in charge of the treatment centres, and by medical practitioners generally from cases of venereal disease, or suspected venereal disease, which present themselves for treatment.

The hours of attendance by the appointed Medical Officers at the Treatment Centres are as follow :—

| <i>Treatment Centre :</i>                             | <i>Attendance of Medical Officer in Charge.</i>                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hastings : Royal East Sussex Hospital ...             | Men ... Monday (morning, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment).<br>Tuesdays, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.<br>Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.<br>Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
|                                                       | Women and Children ... Tuesdays, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.<br>Wednesdays, from 4 to 6 p.m.<br>Thursdays, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.<br>Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.         |
| Brighton : Royal Sussex County Hospital ...           | Men ... Mondays, from 5 to 7 p.m.<br>Women ... Tuesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.                                                                                  |
| Ablution and irrigation rooms available— ...          | Women ... Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.                                                                                                                |
| For Men : 7 to 9 a.m., and 5-7 p.m. on weekdays : ... | Men ... " 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.                                                                                                                                |
| For Women : 9 to 6 p.m. daily (Sundays excepted) ...  | Women ... Saturdays, 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.                                                                                                               |
|                                                       | Men ... " 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.                                                                                                                                |
| Tunbridge Wells : The General Hospital ...            | Women ... Wednesdays at 5 p.m.<br>Men ... Fridays at 3 p.m.                                                                                                |
|                                                       | Arrangements for special treatment of women patients at other times, by appointment.                                                                       |

TABLE XX.

The numbers of patients from East Sussex attending the Treatment Centres during the year were as follow :—

|                                                                                    | Royal Sussex County<br>Hospital, Brighton. | Royal<br>East Sussex Hospital,<br>Hastings. | General<br>Hospital,<br>Tunbridge<br>Wells. | Total. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>OUT-PATIENTS.</b>                                                               |                                            |                                             |                                             |        |
| <i>Number of new cases<br/>treated :—</i>                                          |                                            |                                             |                                             |        |
| (a) Syphilis ..                                                                    | 37                                         | 26                                          | 1                                           | 64     |
| (b) Soft chancre ..                                                                | 3                                          | 0                                           | 0                                           | 3      |
| (c) Gonorrhœa ..                                                                   | 29                                         | 24                                          | 7                                           | 60     |
| (d) Non-Venereal ..                                                                | 69                                         | 27                                          | 4                                           | 100    |
| Totals ..                                                                          | 138                                        | 77                                          | 12                                          | 227    |
| Total attendances of all<br>East Sussex patients                                   | 4513                                       | 1728                                        | 114                                         | 6355   |
| <b>IN-PATIENTS.</b>                                                                |                                            |                                             |                                             |        |
| Aggregate number of In-<br>patient days ..                                         | 123                                        | 83                                          | 52                                          | 258    |
| No. of doses of arsenobenzol<br>compounds given (Out-<br>patients and In-patients) | 1605                                       | 440                                         | 4                                           | 2049   |

The following table shews the extent to which the facilities for obtaining laboratory assistance in the diagnosis of Venereal Diseases, which have been provided by the County Council, have been utilised by the Medical Officers in charge of the Treatment Centres, and by Medical Practitioners generally in the treatment of their private patients:—

TABLE XXI.

| Examination Required :        | Received from          | Pathological Laboratories.           |                             |                                 | Total Number of Specimens examined. |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                               |                        | Ralli Memorial (Brighton) Laboratory | Hastings Borough Laboratory | South London Hospital for Women |                                     |
| For detection of spirochetes. | Treatment Centres.     | 4                                    | —                           | —                               | 4                                   |
|                               | Private Practitioners  | 0                                    | —                           | —                               | 0                                   |
| For detection of gonococci.   | Treatment Centres      | 372                                  | 63                          | —                               | 435                                 |
|                               | Private Practitioners  | 19                                   | 2                           | —                               | 21                                  |
| For Wassermann reaction.      | Treatment Centres.     | 541                                  | —                           | 86                              | 627                                 |
|                               | Private Practitioners  | 63                                   | —                           | —                               | 63                                  |
| Other Examinations.           | Treatment Centres.     | 21                                   | 8                           | —                               | 29                                  |
|                               | Private Practitioners  | 6                                    | —                           | —                               | 6                                   |
| Total                         | Treatment Centres.     | 938                                  | 71                          | 86                              | 1095                                |
|                               | Private Practitioners. | 88                                   | 2                           | —                               | 90                                  |

## PUBLIC HEALTH (MILK AND CREAM) REGULATIONS 1912 AND 1917.

*Report for the Year ended 31st December, 1925.*

### I. Milk, and Cream not sold as Preserved Cream.

|          | Number of samples examined for the presence of a preservative. | Number in which preservative was reported to be present. |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Cream .. | 7                                                              | 0                                                        |

With regard to milk, 303 samples (250 of which were taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, and 53 were informal samples) were also examined for the presence of preservatives, with a negative result in every case.

### II. Cream sold as Preserved Cream.

(a) Instances in which samples have been submitted for analysis to ascertain if the statements on the label as to preservatives were correct :

- (i.) Correct statements made .. .. . 6
- (ii.) Statements incorrect .. .. . 0
- (iii.) Percentage of preservative found in each sample :—.08, .09, .1, .14, .29

(b) Determinations made of milk fat in cream sold as preserved cream :

- (i.) Above 35 per cent. .. .. . 6
- (ii.) Below 35 per cent. .. .. . 0

(c) Instances where (apart from analysis) the requirements as to labelling or declaration of preserved cream in Article V. (1) and the proviso in Article V. (2) of the Regulations have not been observed : *None.*

### III. Thickening Substances. No evidence of use.

### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS, 1875 AND 1899.

The subjoined summary shews the number of samples taken for analysis under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts during the year 1925, together with the number of adulterated samples detected :—

**TABLE XXII.**

| Article<br>Analysed. | Number<br>of<br>Samples. | Report of<br>Analysis. |              | Greatest Amount of Adulteration of any<br>one sample.                                                 |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                      |                          | Genuine.               | Adulterated. |                                                                                                       |
| FORMAL SAMPLES.      |                          |                        |              |                                                                                                       |
| Milk ..              | 250                      | 205                    | 45 (a)       | (a) One sample was deficient in fat 33.3 %<br>and another was deficient in solids not fat,<br>19.8 %. |
| Sedlitz Powder ..    | 4                        | 4                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Whiskey ..           | 4                        | 4                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| INFORMAL SAMPLES.    |                          |                        |              |                                                                                                       |
| Beef and Tongue ..   | 1                        | 1                      | —            | (a) One sample was deficient in fat 51.6 %,<br>and another was deficient in solids not fat<br>18.2 %  |
| Brawn ..             | 1                        | 1                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Butter ..            | 14                       | 14                     | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Chicken and ham ..   | 1                        | 1                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Cream ..             | 1                        | 1                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Dried Eggs ..        | 1                        | 1                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Jam ..               | 21                       | 21                     | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Jam Roll ..          | 1                        | 1                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Lemonade ..          | 1                        | 1                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Marmalade ..         | 1                        | 1                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Milk ..              | 53                       | 45                     | 8 (a)        |                                                                                                       |
| Mineral Waters ..    | 7                        | 7                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Potted Meat ..       | 7                        | 7                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Sausages ..          | 3                        | 3                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Sedlitz Powder ..    | 5                        | 4                      | 1 (b)        |                                                                                                       |
| Sponge Cake ..       | 1                        | 1                      | —            |                                                                                                       |
| Vinegar ..           | 1                        | 1                      | —            | (c) Contained 4 % excess water.                                                                       |
| Whiskey ..           | 8                        | 5                      | 3 (c)        |                                                                                                       |
|                      | 128                      | 116                    | 12           |                                                                                                       |
| Formal Samples ..    | 258                      | 213                    | 45           |                                                                                                       |
| Informal Samples ..  | 128                      | 116                    | 12           |                                                                                                       |
| Totals ..            | 386                      | 329                    | 57           |                                                                                                       |

### MILK AND DAIRIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1915.

This Act, see page 5 *ante*, came into force on the 1st September, 1925, and involves a new departure in County Public Health work which will require a good deal of consideration and organisation. Very little work was thrown on the Public Health Department during the year, inasmuch as Authorities outside the County Area had to consider and organise their own schemes, and, as a matter of fact, only five farms were dealt with. It is anticipated, however, that there will be considerable development in the working of the Act during the course of the current twelve months.

**MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT, 1913.**

The following Table gives certain information as to the number of Mentally Defective persons on the Register of the Local Authority on 31st December, 1925, together with the number of Defectives who were being maintained on that date in certified institutions, under guardianship, or who were under supervision in their own homes.

**TABLE XXIII.**

A. *Mentally Defective Persons subject to Section 2 (1) (b) of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913.*

|                                                                                            | Total Number on Register. |    | Maintained in Certified Institutions |    | Maintained in Approved Workhouses |    | Maintained in Approved Homes. |    | Under Guardianship. |    | Under Supervision. |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|----|
|                                                                                            | M.                        | F. | M.                                   | F. | M.                                | F. | M.                            | F. | M.                  | F. | M.                 | F. |
| (i.) Found neglected, abandoned, etc. ...                                                  | 2                         | 7  | 1                                    | —  | 1                                 | 2  | —                             | —  | —                   | 5  | —                  | —  |
| (ii.) Having been found guilty of a criminal offence, etc. ...                             | 4                         | 1  | 2                                    | 1  | 2                                 | —  | —                             | —  | —                   | —  | —                  | —  |
| (iii.) Having undergone imprisonment, etc. ...                                             | 1                         | —  | 1                                    | —  | —                                 | —  | —                             | —  | —                   | —  | —                  | —  |
| (iv.) Being a habitual drunkard ...                                                        | —                         | —  | —                                    | —  | —                                 | —  | —                             | —  | —                   | —  | —                  | —  |
| (v.) Notified by Local Education Authority—                                                |                           |    |                                      |    |                                   |    |                               |    |                     |    |                    |    |
| (a) As incapable of receiving benefit, etc., in a special School ...                       | 39                        | 25 | 16                                   | 9  | 1                                 | —  | —                             | —  | 1                   | 1  | 21                 | 15 |
| (b) As discharged at age 16, from Special School, etc. ...                                 | 9                         | 12 | 7                                    | 7  | —                                 | 2  | —                             | —  | 1                   | 1  | 1                  | 2  |
| (vi.) Being in receipt of poor relief at time of giving birth to an illegitimate child ... | —                         | 1  | —                                    | —  | —                                 | 1  | —                             | —  | —                   | —  | —                  | —  |

B. *Permissive Cases.*

|  |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
|--|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
|  | 48 | 28 | 1 | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 45 | 23 |
|--|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|

C. *Mentally Defective Persons in receipt of Poor Law Relief certified by Board of Control, under Section 30 (ii).*

|  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | 3 | 6 | 2 | — | 1 | 5 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

D. *Mentally Defective Persons certified by Board of Control under Sections 30 (iii).*

|           |     |    |    |    |   |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
|-----------|-----|----|----|----|---|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
|           | —   | 1  | —  | —  | — | —  | — | — | — | 1  | —  | —  |
| TOTAL ... | 106 | 81 | 30 | 21 | 6 | 10 | — | — | 3 | 10 | 67 | 40 |

The next Table shews the number of new cases considered by the Local Authority during the year 1925:—

**TABLE XXIV.**

|                                                             | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| A. Cases considered by Committee during the year :—         |       |         |        |
| I. <i>Persons subject to Section 2 (1) B of the Act :</i>   |       |         |        |
| (a) Notified by Local Education Authorities ...             | 10    | 8       | 18     |
| (b) Certified by Board of Control under Section 30 (ii) ... | 2     | 5       | 7      |
| (c) Ascertained from other sources ...                      | 2     | 3       | 5      |
| II. <i>Permissive Cases :</i> ...                           | 1     | 2       | 3      |
| B. Petitions presented and Orders obtained ...              | 8     | 9       | 17     |
| C. Dealt with under Section 3 (Permissive Cases) ..         | —     | 2       | 2      |
| D. Deaths in Institutions ...                               | —     | —       | —      |

The following Table gives details as to mentally defective persons maintained by the Local Authority in Certified Institutions at the end of the year:—

TABLE XXV.

| Name of Certified Institution.                            | Number of East Sussex Defectives maintained in certified Institutions and approved Workhouses on 31st December, 1925. |         |        |             |         |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|---------|--------|
|                                                           | OBLIGATORY.                                                                                                           |         |        | PERMISSIVE. |         |        |
|                                                           | Male.                                                                                                                 | Female. | Total. | Male.       | Female. | Total. |
| Besford Court .. ..                                       | 1                                                                                                                     | —       | 1      | —           | —       | —      |
| Brentry Certified Institution ..                          | 2                                                                                                                     | —       | 2      | —           | —       | —      |
| Caterham Mental Hospital ..                               | 11                                                                                                                    | 4       | 15     | —           | —       | —      |
| Cuckfield Poor Law Institution ..                         | 4                                                                                                                     | 10      | 14     | 1           | —       | 1      |
| Darenth Training Colony ..                                | 4                                                                                                                     | 2       | 6      | —           | —       | —      |
| Dungates, Horeham Road ..                                 | 3                                                                                                                     | —       | 3      | —           | —       | —      |
| Etloe House, Leyton ..                                    | —                                                                                                                     | 1       | 1      | —           | —       | —      |
| Fountain Temporary Asylum ..                              | 1                                                                                                                     | 3       | 4      | —           | —       | —      |
| Hermitage Training Home, Fairwarp ..                      | —                                                                                                                     | 3       | 3      | —           | 2       | 2      |
| Leavesden Mental Hospital ..                              | 3                                                                                                                     | —       | 3      | —           | —       | —      |
| Lewes Poor Law Institution ..                             | 1                                                                                                                     | —       | 1      | —           | —       | —      |
| Pield Heath House, Hillingdon ..                          | —                                                                                                                     | 1       | 1      | —           | —       | —      |
| Princess Christian's Farm Colony, Hilden-<br>boro' .. ..  | 1                                                                                                                     | 1       | 2      | —           | —       | —      |
| Rampton State Institution, Retford ..                     | —                                                                                                                     | 1       | 1      | —           | —       | —      |
| Royal Earlswood Institution ..                            | —                                                                                                                     | —       | —      | 1           | 1       | 2      |
| St. Elizabeth's Home for Epileptics, Much<br>Hadham .. .. | —                                                                                                                     | 1       | 1      | —           | —       | —      |
| Sandlebridge, Alderley Edge ..                            | —                                                                                                                     | 1       | 1      | —           | —       | —      |
| Stoke Park Colony, Bristol ..                             | 3                                                                                                                     | —       | 3      | —           | —       | —      |
|                                                           | 34                                                                                                                    | 28      | 62     | 2           | 3       | 5      |

Thirteen defectives were maintained under Guardianship at the end of the year, as follows:—

I. Under the care of the Brighton Guardianship Society:—

|             |     |     |                      |    |
|-------------|-----|-----|----------------------|----|
| At Brighton | ... | ... | 4 female defectives. |    |
| " "         | ... | ... | 2 male defectives.   |    |
| " Hailsham  | ... | ... | 1 female defective.  |    |
| " Hastings  | ... | 2   | " "                  |    |
| " Hove      | ... | 1   | " "                  |    |
|             |     | —   |                      | 10 |

II. Others:—

|                |     |     |     |    |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| At Hove        | ... | 1   | " " |    |
| " Plumpton     | ... | 1   | " " |    |
| " Ripon, Yorks | ... | 1   | " " |    |
|                |     | —   |     | 3  |
|                |     |     |     | —  |
| Total          | ... | ... |     | 13 |
|                |     |     |     | —  |

TABLE XXVI.

## Meteorological Data, 1925.

| RECORDING STATION.         | DETAILS<br>SUPPLIED BY                            | RAIN GAUGE.<br>Diameter of funnel.<br>height above<br>ground and above<br>sea level. | RAINFALL IN INCHES. |           |        |        |      |       |       |         |            |          |           |           | Total<br>rainfall<br>in<br>inches,<br>1925. | Total<br>rainfall<br>in<br>inches,<br>1924. | Average<br>rainfall<br>for<br>5 years,<br>1920<br>to 1925. |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|                            |                                                   |                                                                                      | January.            | February. | March. | April. | May. | June. | July. | August. | September. | October. | November. | December. |                                             |                                             |                                                            |
| LEWES...                   | Mr. Johnston (from<br>Annual Report<br>of M.O.H.) | 8 inches.<br>15 inches.<br>12½ feet.                                                 | 4.26                | 4.49      | 1.12   | 3.78   | 3.64 | .14   | 5.88  | 2.46    | 3.38       | 5.61     | 3.89      | 5.53      | 44.18                                       | 44.05                                       | 36.71                                                      |
| COXLOW, HOREHAM<br>ROAD    | Miss Harrison                                     | 5 inches.<br>12 inches.<br>260 feet.                                                 | 3.76                | 3.72      | 1.13   | 3.17   | 3.09 | .14   | 5.26  | 2.89    | 3.1        | 4.17     | 3.7       | 4.86      | 38.99                                       | 38.67                                       | 30.5                                                       |
| PEVENSEY BAY               | J. H. Anderson,<br>Esq.                           | 5 inches.<br>18 inches.<br>21.33 feet                                                | 3.23                | 3.48      | .58    | 2.22   | 2.35 | .11   | 3.99  | 1.31    | 2.68       | 3.65     | 2.64      | 4.3       | 30.54                                       | 30.55                                       | 25.12                                                      |
| HIGH CROSS, FRAM-<br>FIELD | R. L. Thornton,<br>Esq., C.B.E.                   | 5 inches.<br>6 inches.<br>200 feet.                                                  | 3.61                | 4.04      | .88    | 3.14   | 2.85 | .14   | 4.62  | 2.2     | 2.95       | 3.88     | 3.81      | 4.7       | 36.82                                       | 42.89                                       | 32.54                                                      |
| ESTATE OFFICE,<br>GLYNDE   | T. W. Pickard, Esq.                               | —                                                                                    | 2.52                | 2.86      | .4     | 2.94   | 3.   | .1    | 6.06  | 2.42    | 3.04       | 4.72     | 3.12      | 3.9       | 35.08                                       | 38.06                                       | 27.75                                                      |